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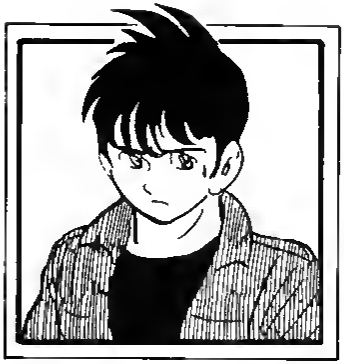

==PREVIOUSLY==

'GOLGOM' IS AN EVIL ORGANIZATION WHICH THREATENS TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD. KOTARO MINAMI WAS FORCED INTO EXPERIMENTS WHICH MUTATED HIM INTO A TRANSFORMING BUG MONSTER. REFUSING TO SUBMIT TO EVIL, HE DONS THE IDENTITY 'MASKED RIDER BLACK' AND VOWS TO SHATTER GOLGOM'S AMBITIONS.

THIS TIME, A STRANGE DREAM LED KOTARO TO A FUTURE 30 YEARS FROM NOW. THERE, NOT ONLY DOES HE DISCOVER HIS OWN DESTINY, BUT ALSO CONFIRMS GOLGOM'S HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA. IS KOTARO THE RULER WHO CONTROLS THE FUTURE WORLD AS A DEMON KING? OR IS IT SOMEONE ELSE...?!

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PART 18

NARA - THE AWAKENING RITUAL

KOTARO!
NOBU-HIKO ...!!
YOU'VE RETURNED FROM AUSTRALIA ...?
I CAME BACK AS FAST AS I COULD...
YEA!
HAVE YOU HEARD FROM KYOKO ?!
NARA – KOFUKU-JI TEMPLE

...NO-THING...
YESTERDAY SHE WENT OUT SHOP-PING BUT NEVER RE-TURNED...
THIS MORNING I FOUND THIS IN THE MAIL!
NOBUHIKO WENT TO NARA ALONE ...?
DAMMIT!
COULD IT BE MY FAULT?
NO! KOTARO... IT'S ALSO PARTLY MINE!
HUH?
THEY KIDNAPPED HER TO GET TO US!
DON'T FORGET YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY GOLGOM ESCAPEE!
MOST LIKELY THEY'RE TRYING TO GET RID OF BOTH OF US, OR PERHAPS...
PERHAPS ...?

I HAVE A FEELING THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING...
NOT ENTIRELY SURE...
BUT, WHY WOULD THEY CHOOSE A PLACE LIKE KOFUKU-JI TEMPLE?
KOFUKU-JI TEMPLE'S FAMOUS, SHOULDN'T THEY CHOOSE A PLACE WHICH ATTRACTS LESS ATTENTION?
HUH?
IT'S WRITTEN HERE ON THIS TOURISM PAMPHLET
HEH. I'VE THOUGHT OF THAT AS WELL, BY MY DEDUCTION...
PERHAPS BECAUSE THERE'S AN ASHURA STATUE LOCATED HERE WHICH IS ALSO A NATIONAL TREASURE..
ASHURA STATUE?

'ASHURA', ORIGINALLY A KIND AND PEACEFUL DEITY—
UNTIL IT BECAME A WRATHFUL GOD AND FOUGHT AGAINST THE HEAVENS...
THAT'S RIGHT!
PUT IT SIMPLY, THIS IS A WARNING INSINUATING...
WE ARE TRAI-TORS!!
AMAZ-ING!!
A WHITE DEER!
OHH! LOOK!
EH? THIS IS A...?
A LETTER!
HEY!
EH?
!!

SORRY, THIS LETTER'S ...
FOR US...!
THEY WANT US TO GO TO TODAI-JI TEMPLE'S GREAT BUDDHA HALL AT MIDNIGHT...?!
IT'S REALLY THEM!!
.....
信濃 光太郎
東大寺大佛殿
深夜
NOBUHIKO KOTARO
TODAI-JI TEMPLE
GREAT BUDDHA HALL
LATE NIGHT
GOLGOM
哥 鳩

IS GOLGOM REALLY GONNA SHOW UP HERE?!
IT'S ALMOST 12-!!
HEH! GOT A POINT THERE ....!!
FUUU~
THEY'VE ALREADY PUT THE NIGHT SHIFT MONKS AND SECURITY GUARDS TO SLEEP, SO THEY C.N'T SEE THEM.
THEY'RE HERE...

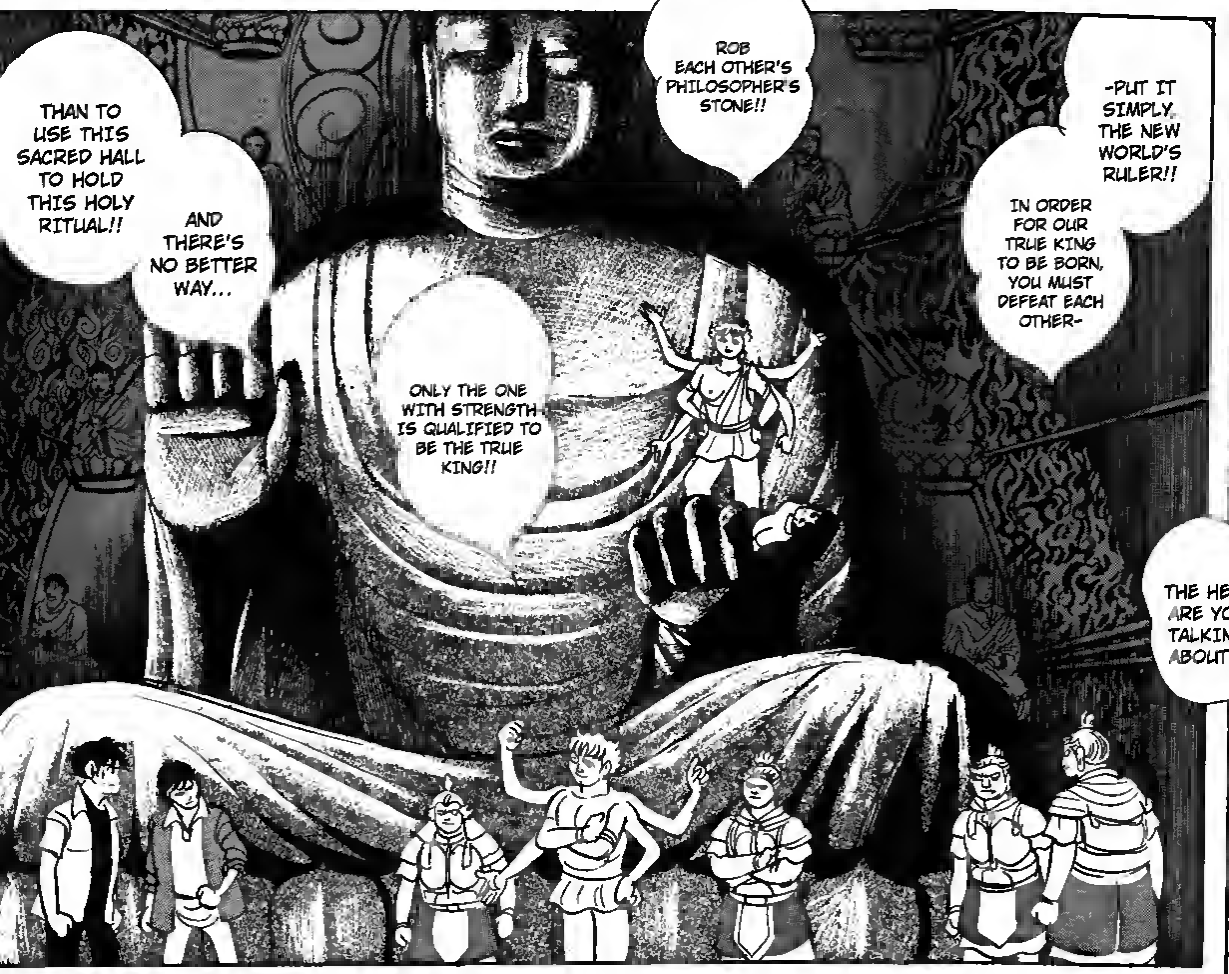
TODAI-JI TEMPLE, GREAT BUDDHA HALL.

THESE MONKS HAVE ALREADY FALLEN UNDER OUR HYPNOTIC TRANCE!!
THAT IS CORRECT!
THEY ARE ...!!
AH!
WHO?
WHERE'S KYOKO?!
YOU'RE THE FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS...?!
RIGHT HERE!!

THE TOURISTS FROM THE TEMPLE
AHH!!
IT'S THEM!!
IF YOU DON'T LISTEN TO US, MAYBE WE MIGHT JUST...
BUT,
DON'T WORRY! WE'RE NOT GONNA HURT HER!
TOUR-ISTS?
HOHO HOH
OUR TRUE IDENTITIES ARE...
ASHURA'S SKY...!
ASHURA'S EARTH...!!

THIS WORLD'S TRUE KING WILL BE BORN.
ONCE THEY MERGE AS ONE...
IS A 'PHILO-SOPHER'S STONE'
WELL WE MIGHT AS WELL TELL YOU! INSIDE BOTH YOUR BODIES...
THERE'S NO WAY YOU DON'T KNOW THIS!

TL NOTE: THE FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS HAVE HEAPS OF ROMANIZATIONS FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. I'M GOING WITH THE JAPANESE VERSION SINCE IT'S A MANGA.


THAN TO USE THIS SACRED HALL TO HOLD THIS HOLY RITUAL!!
AND THERE'S NO BETTER WAY...
ROB EACH OTHER'S PHILOSOPHER'S STONE!!
ONLY THE ONE WITH STRENGTH IS QUALIFIED TO BE THE TRUE KING!!
-PUT IT SIMPLY, THE NEW WORLD'S RULER!!
IN ORDER FOR OUR TRUE KING TO BE BORN, YOU MUST DEFEAT EACH OTHER-
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

NOBU-HIKO...!!
KO, KOTARO ?!
GOOD! NOW THEN, ARE YOU READY TO BEGIN?!
I DON'T GET IT!!
WHAT. THE HELL ARE THEY ON ABOUT?!
THESE... BAS-/TARDS...
I...I...
WHAT...
NOBU, NOBU-HIKO!!
SO YOU TOO HAVE BEEN ...?!

NOBU-HIKO! STOP! DON'T TRANS-FORM!!
I DON'T WANT US TO KILL EACH OTHER! NOBU-HIKO!!
PLEASE TURN BACK! DON'T FALL INTO THEIR TRAP!!
WE LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME ...!!
CRAP!
DAMMIT!
I CAN'T TALK OUT OF THIS. BUT...
BUT IF I ESCAPE KYOKO WILL...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
WHAT CAN I DO?

STOP IT!! NOBU-HIKO...
DON'T!!

...
NOBU-
HIKO!!
KO...
KOTARO
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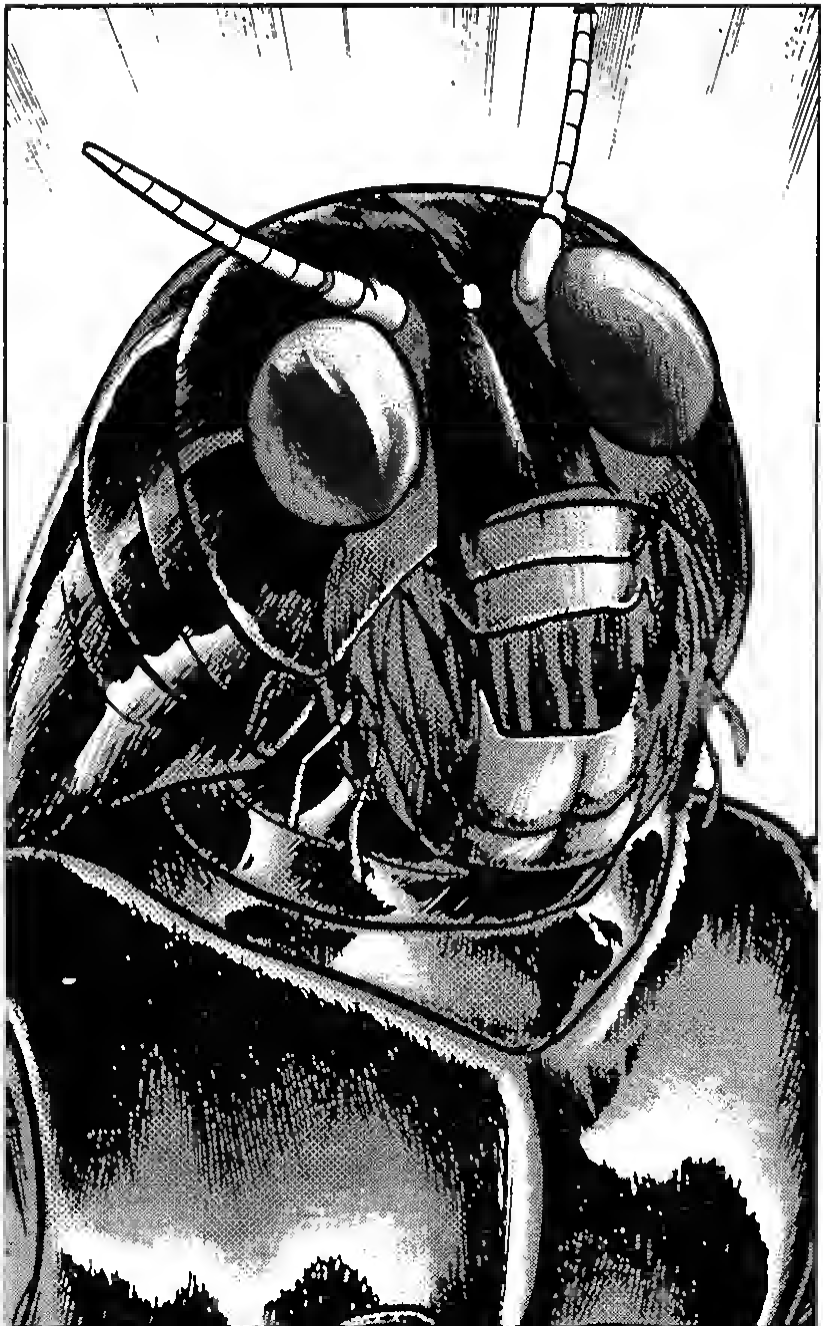
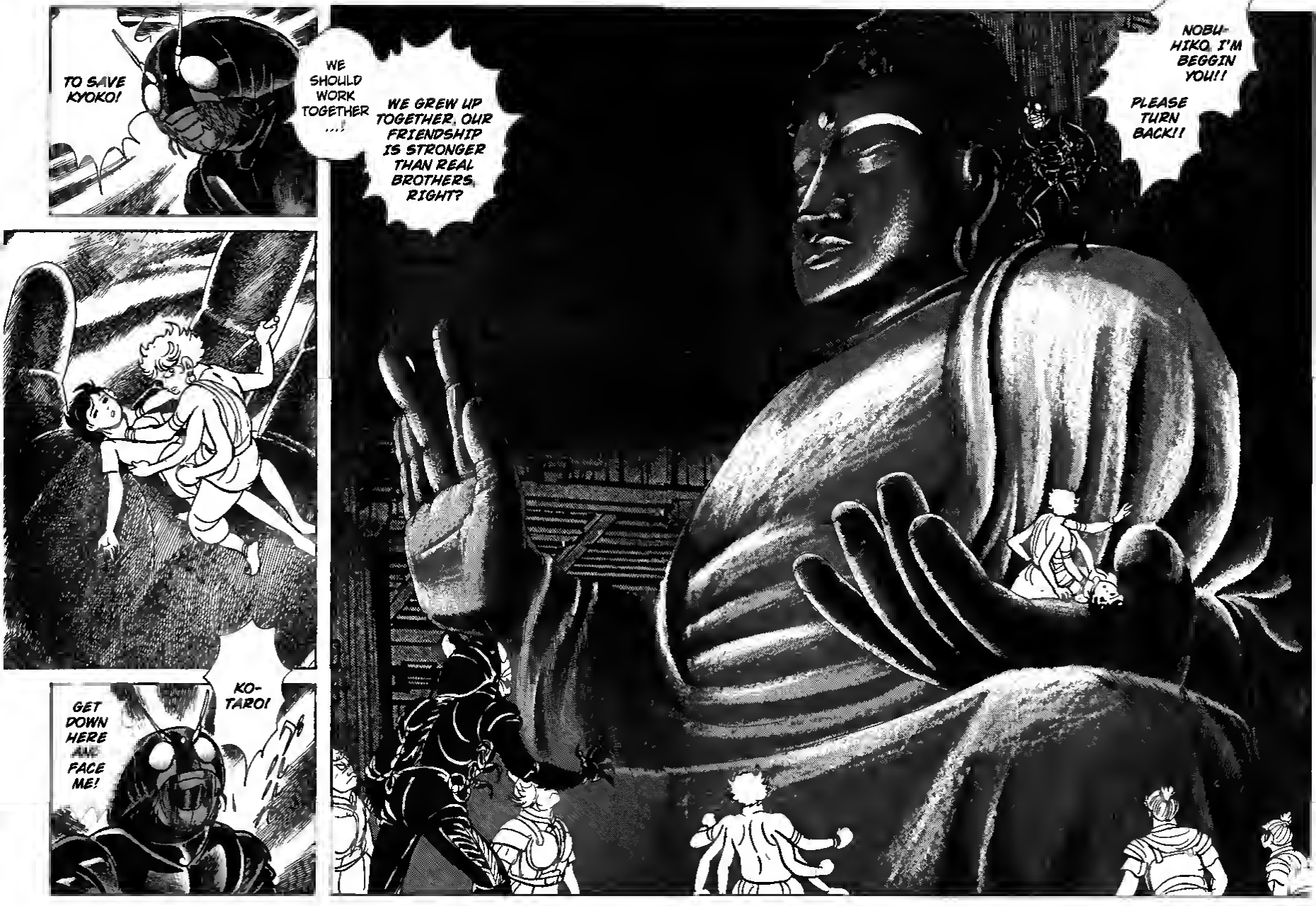
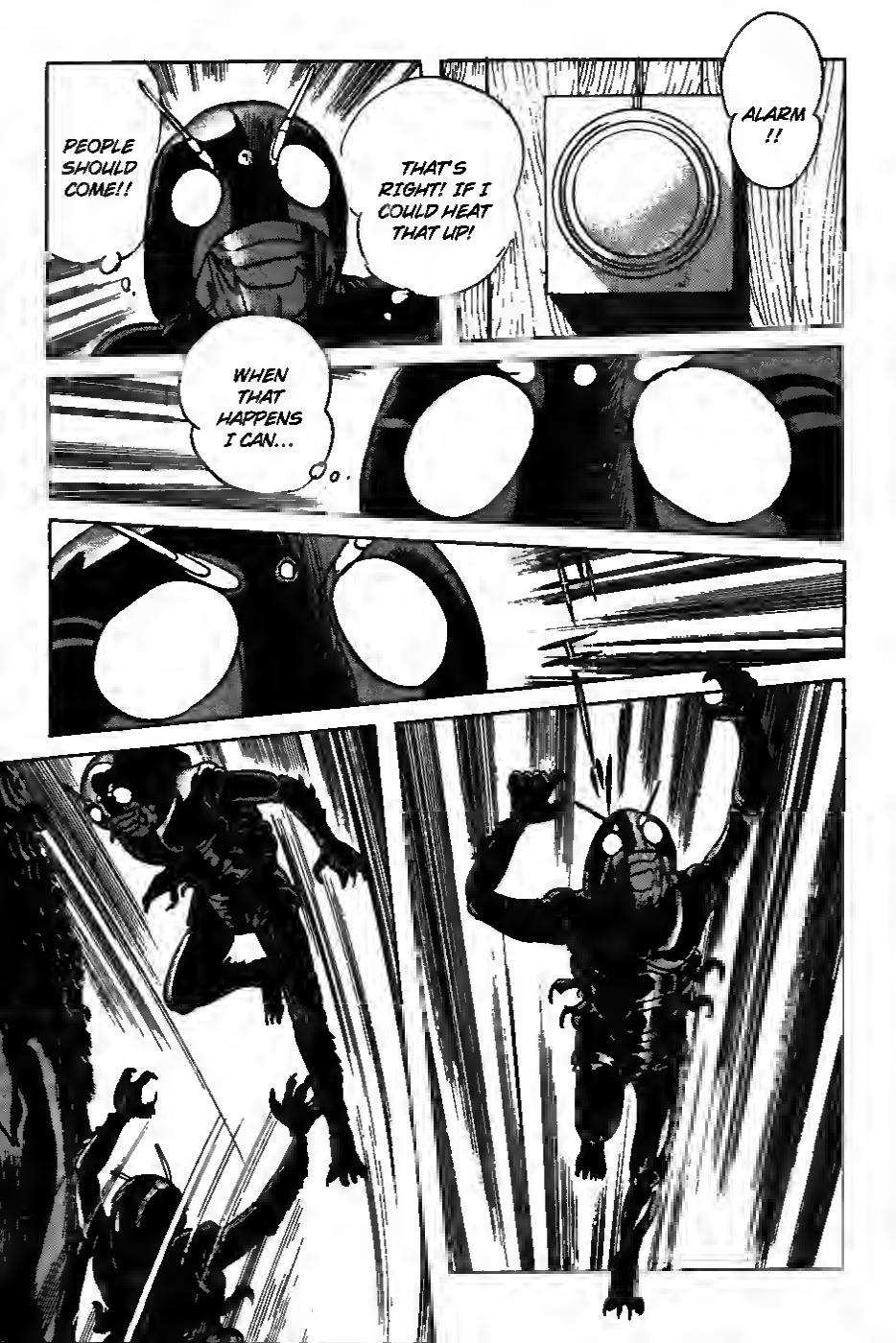
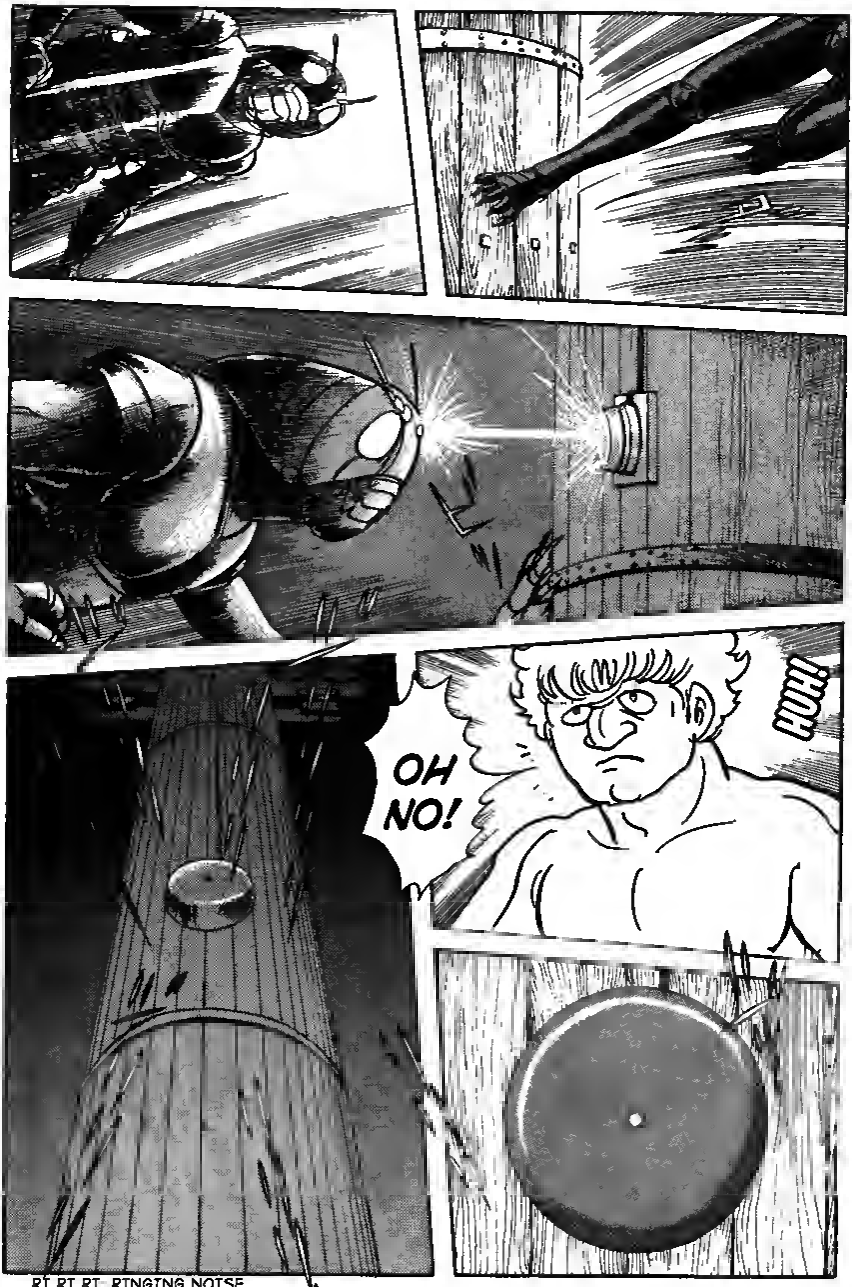



TO SAVE KYOKO!
WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER ...!
WE GREW UP TOGETHER. OUR FRIENDSHIP IS STRONGER THAN REAL BROTHERS, RIGHT?
NOBUHIKO, I'M BEGGIN YOU!!
PLEASE TURN BACK!!
KO-TARO!
GET DOWN HERE AND FACE ME!

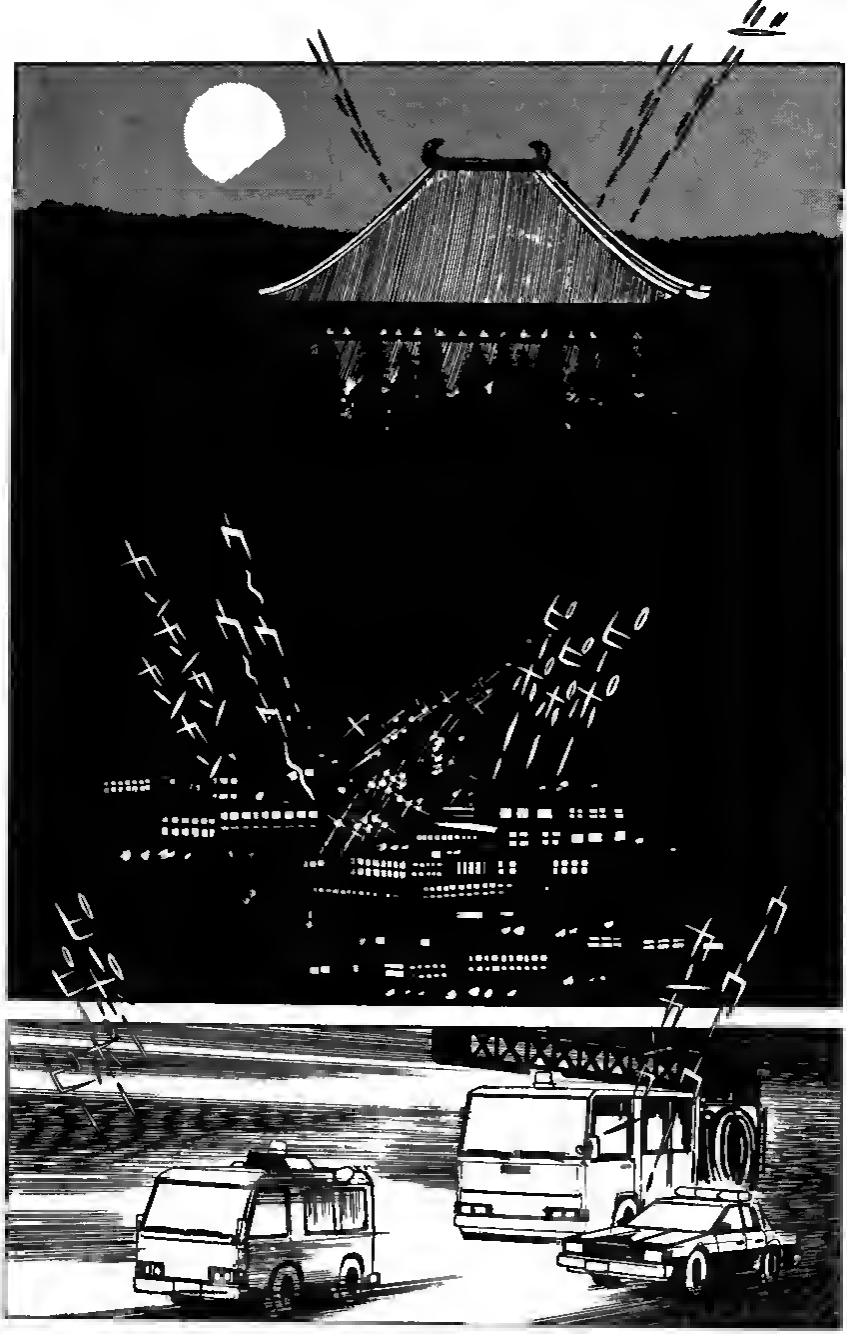
I WILL CUT YOU TO PIECES!!
CURSES! MUST I FACE NOBUHIKO...
JUST TO RESCUE KYOKO?
ISN'T THERE ANY OTHER WAY TO ESCAPE?
EH?
THAT'S ...
FIRE..


ALARM !!
THAT'S RIGHT! IF I COULD HEAT THAT UP!
PEOPLE SHOULD COME!!
WHEN THAT HAPPENS I CAN...


HUH!
OH NO!
RI RI RI RINGING NOISE

KO-TARO !!
THERE'S NO ESCAPE !!
NO MATTER WHAT, YOU'RE BOTH...
DESTINED FOR A FINAL SHOW-DOWN!
MUST BE-COME-
BECAUSE ONE OF YOU...

THE MASTER OF TOMOR-ROW!!



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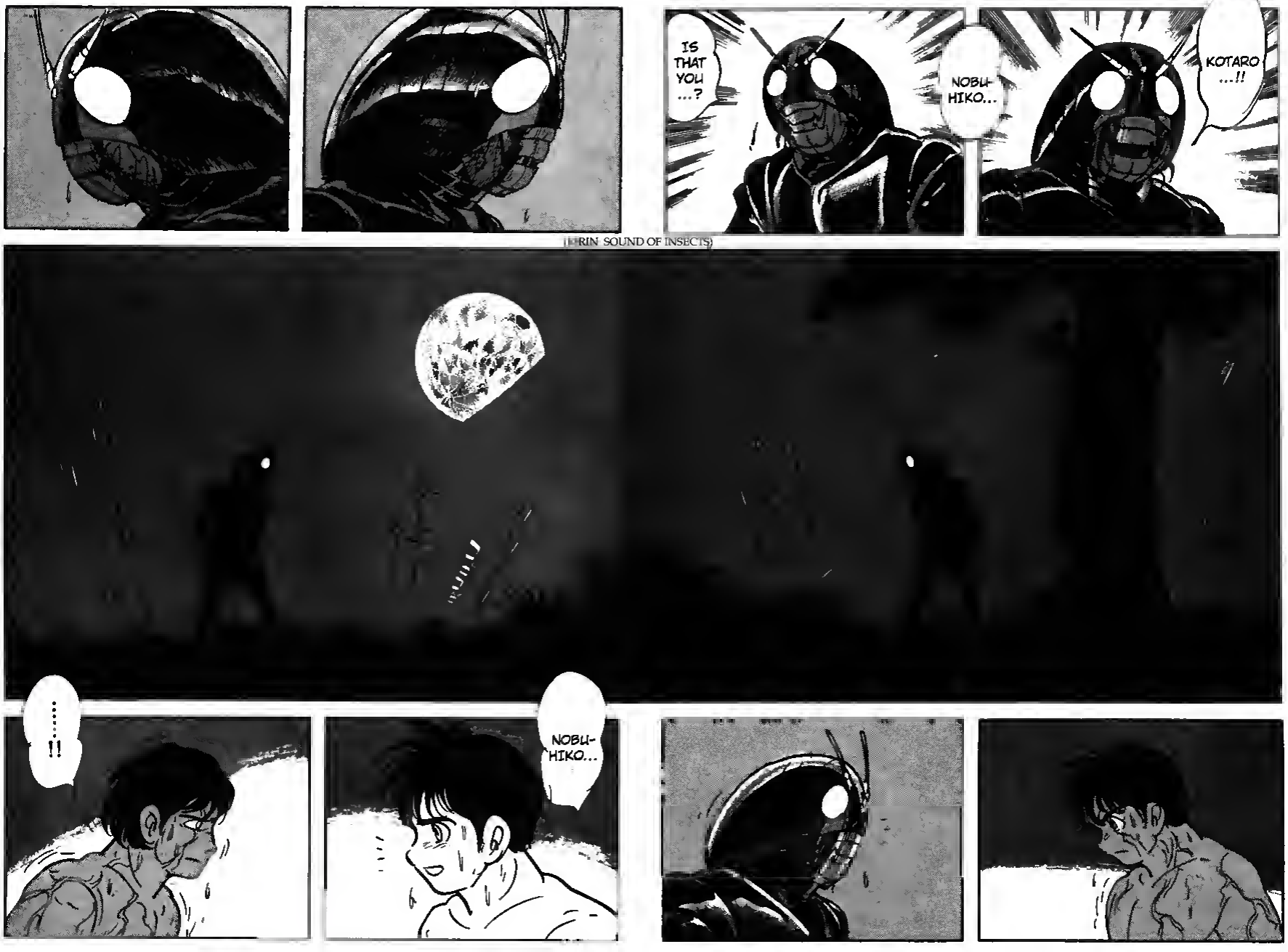

IS THAT YOU ...?
NOBU-HIKO...
KOTARO ...!!
{FURIN SOUND OF INSECTS}
.....!!
NOBU-HIKO...

WHAT IS THIS?
I... WHAT...
HAPPENED TO ME?
YOU REALLY ...
DON'T REMEMBER ...?!
YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER NOBUHIKO?
WE, YOU TRANSFORMED INTO SOMETHING SIMILAR TO ME—
I CAN'T RECALL A THING... JUST REMEMBER MY BODY ACTED STRANGE...
AND THEN, I BLACKED OUT...
WHY?!
WHAT?
WHY WOULD I DO THAT?
AND TO KILL ME!
TO FIGHT ME...

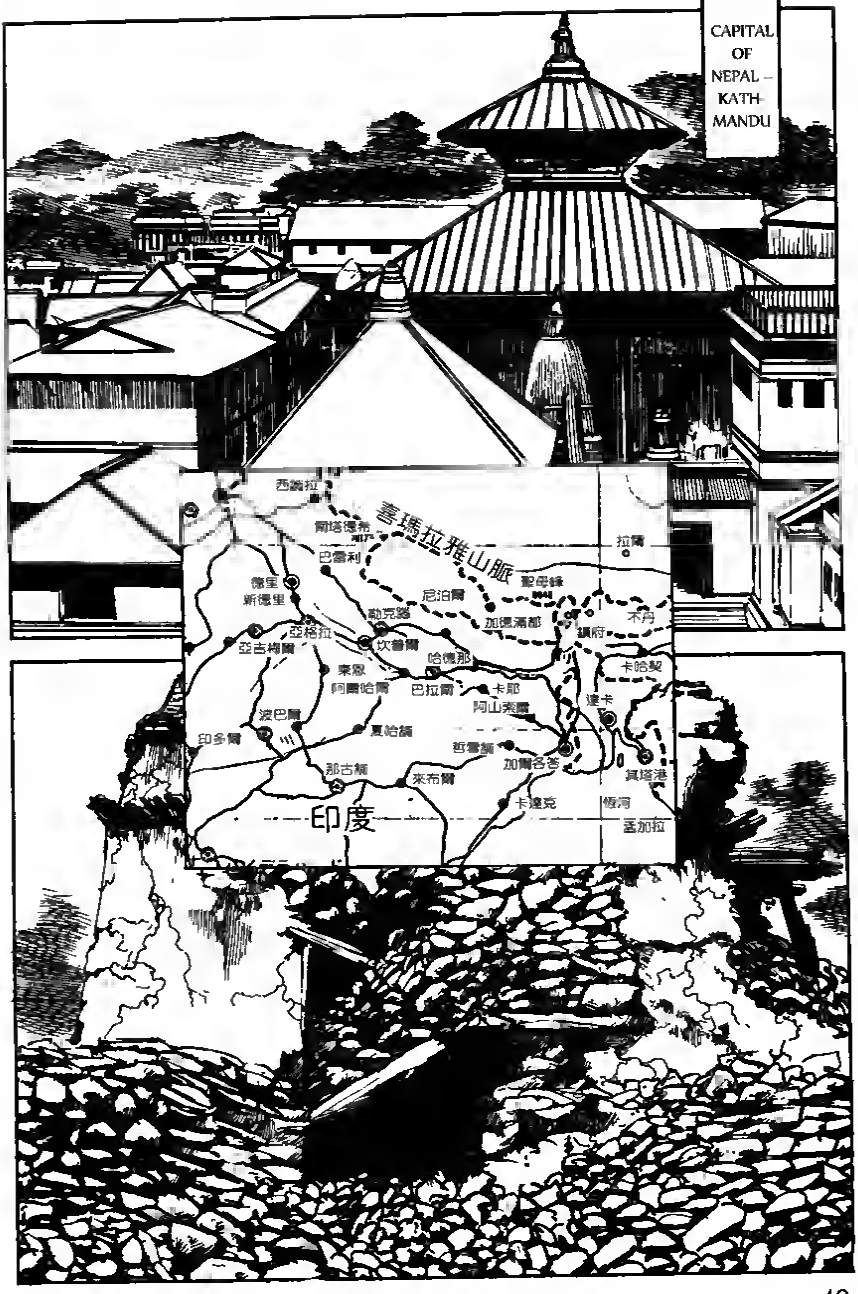
KING OF THE FUTURE WORLD?
ONE MUST BE CROWNED KING OF THE FUTURE WORLD...
BECAUSE... BETWEEN THE TWO OF US...
THERE WILL BE CASUAL-TIES...
AFTER THIS, IF WE ARE NOT ALLIES WE ARE ENEMIES...
GOLGOM GIFTED US WITH EQUAL BUT TERRIBLE POWERS! IF WE WERE TO FIGHT...
BUT, THE TWO OF US CANNOT KILL EACH OTHER.
THAT'S RIGHT, NOBU-HIKO!
WE SHOULD JOIN FORCES TO FIGHT AGAINST THEM INSTEAD!
I, I...
YOU TOO ARE A MODIFIED HUMANOID, YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS.
.....
I UNDER-STAND...
THAT ONCE YOU TRANSFORM, YOUR HUMAN INSTINCTS BEGIN TO DISSOLVE...
BUT, I WAS CERTAIN YOU WERE TRYING TO KILL ME!
KOTARO.. I WISH WE DON'T BECOME SWORN ENEMIES...

I KNOW...
OR THIS ENTIRE WORLD... WOULD SUFFER IRREVERSIBLE CONSEQU-ENCES!!
DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S YOU OR ME...
AND ALSO TURN TO VIOLENCE ...IF YOU DON'T CON-TROL IT...
KOTARO!!
--BROTHER NOBUHIKO ...?!
I SWEAR, I'LL KEEP MY PRO-MISE!
NOBU-HIKO!
KYOKO!
EH?
GROSS!
KYAAA!

HIDE
BLOCK
YOU...! PUT SOME CLOTHES ON!!
DID NOBUHIKO REALLY LOSE CONTROL AND FIGHT ME?
OR...?!

.....
WHO BETWEEN US IS THE ONE IN THE FUTURE...
CALLED THE 'DEMON KING'?

PART 19
NEPAL
AN UNUSUAL PATH

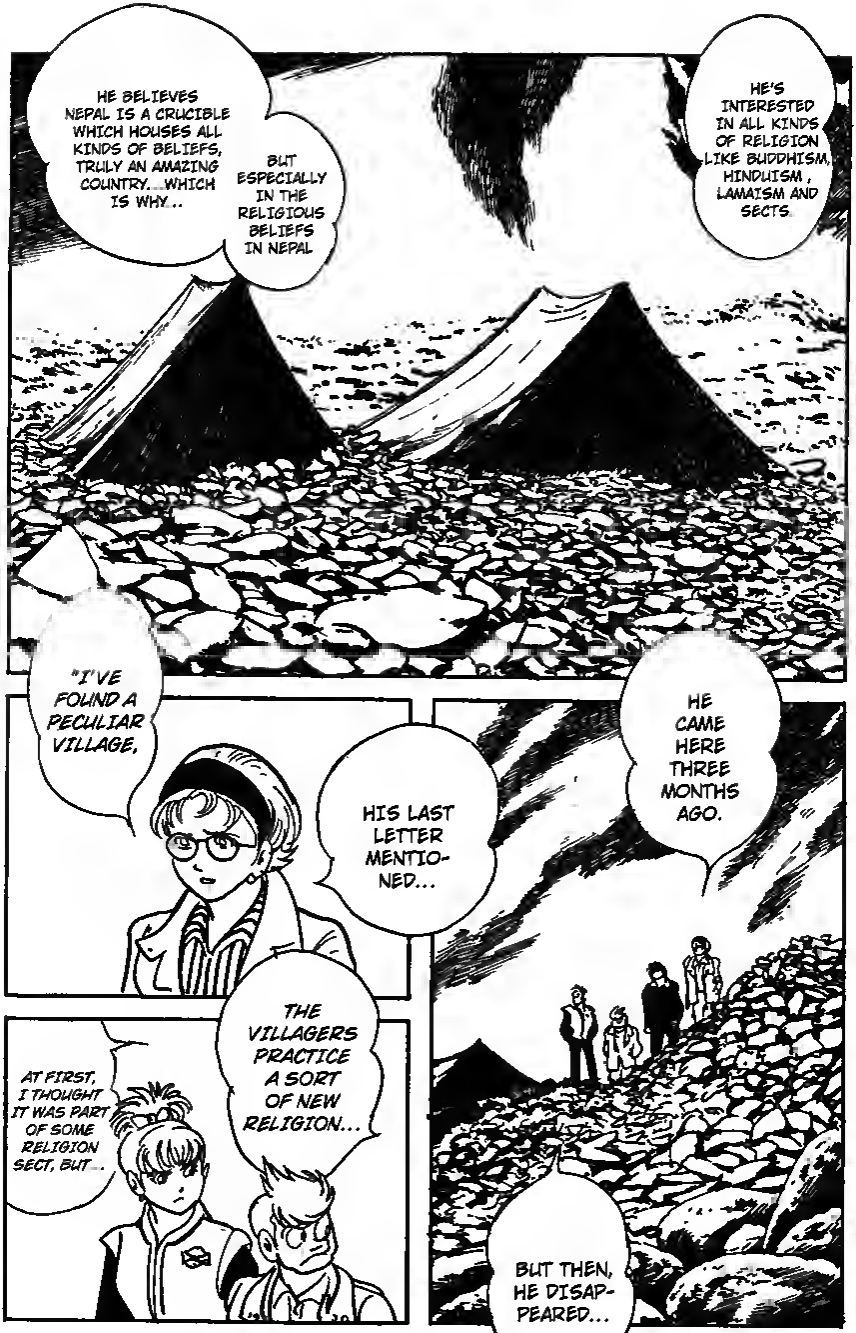

CAPITAL
OF
NEPAL –
KATH-
MANDU
喜馬拉雅山脈
聖母峰
印度
西藏拉
爾塔達希
巴雷利
拉薩
德里
斯德里
尼泊爾
加德滿都
不丹
亞格拉
坎普爾
亞吉梅爾
哈佛那
卡哈契
柴原
阿爾哈爾
巴拉爾
卡耶
阿山索爾
達卡
波巴爾
印多爾
夏哈爾
哲雷爾
加爾各答
那古爾
來布爾
卡達克
恆河
孟加拉

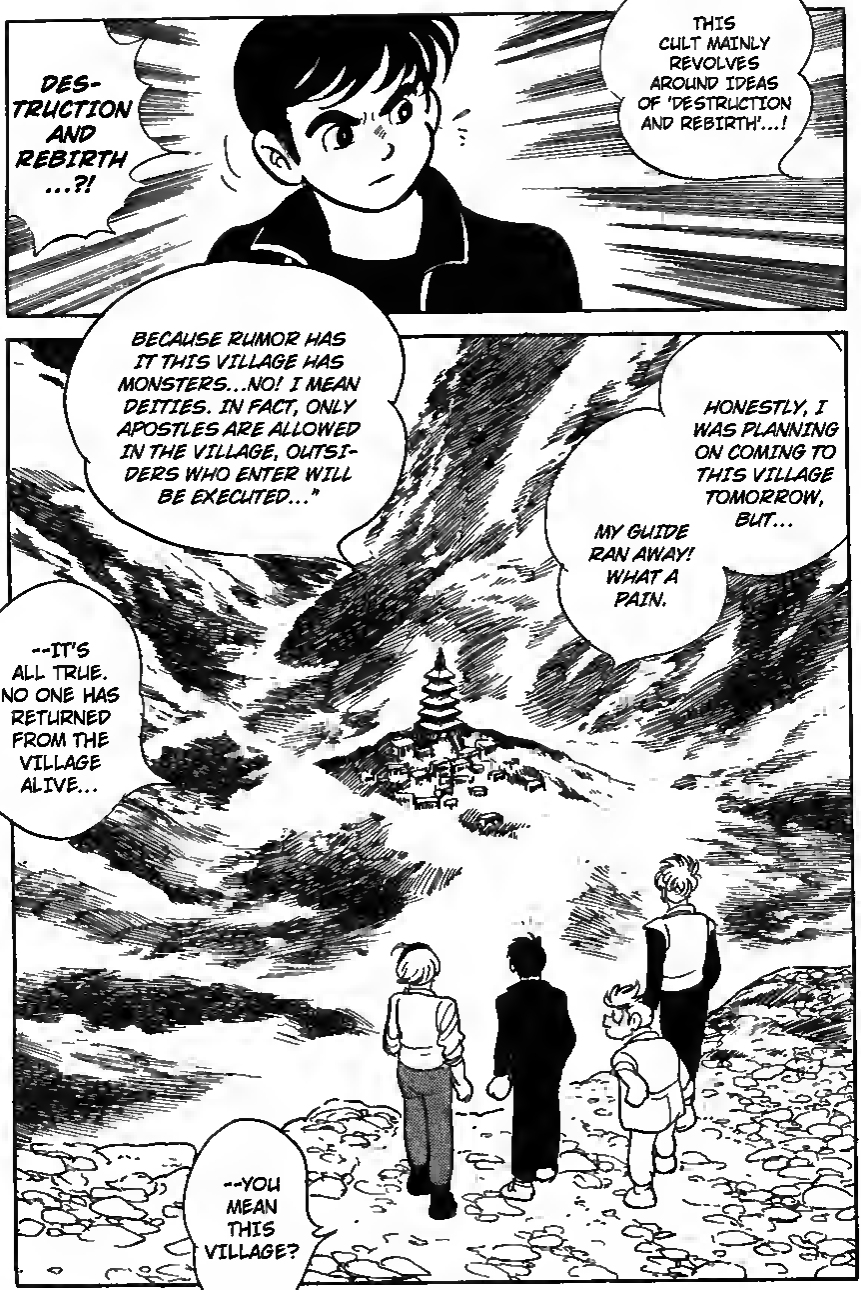
GREAT EARTHQUAKE, DEATH TOLL OVER 370

India, Nepal — Many still trapped as houses collapse

...AROUND 250 KM NORTH-WEST FROM HERE—

MY FATHER IS
A SCHOLAR WHO RESEARCHES RELIGIONS IN EAST ASIA.

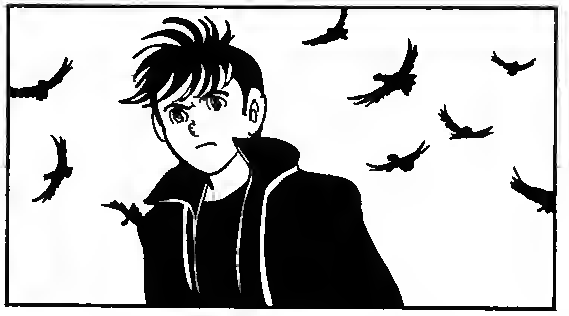

HE BELIEVES NEPAL IS A CRUCIBLE WHICH HOUSES ALL KINDS OF BELIEFS, TRULY AN AMAZING COUNTRY....WHICH IS WHY..
BUT ESPECIALLY IN THE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS IN NEPAL
HE'S INTERESTED IN ALL KINDS OF RELIGION LIKE BUDDHISM, HINDUISM, LAMAISM AND SECTS.
"I'VE FOUND A PECULIAR VILLAGE,
HIS LAST LETTER MENTIO-NED...
HE CAME HERE THREE MONTHS AGO.
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS PART OF SOME RELIGION SECT, BUT...
THE VILLAGERS PRACTICE A SORT OF NEW RELIGION...
BUT THEN, HE DISAP-PEARED...


DES-TRUCTION AND REBIRTH ...?!
THIS CULT MAINLY REVOLVES AROUND IDEAS OF 'DESTRUCTION AND REBIRTH'...!
BECAUSE RUMOR HAS IT THIS VILLAGE HAS MONSTERS...NO! I MEAN DEITIES. IN FACT, ONLY APOSTLES ARE ALLOWED IN THE VILLAGE, OUTSIDERS WHO ENTER WILL BE EXECUTED..."
HONESTLY, I WAS PLANNING ON COMING TO THIS VILLAGE TOMORROW, BUT...
MY GUIDE RAN AWAY! WHAT A PAIN.
--IT'S ALL TRUE. NO ONE HAS RETURNED FROM THE VILLAGE ALIVE...
--YOU MEAN THIS VILLAGE?

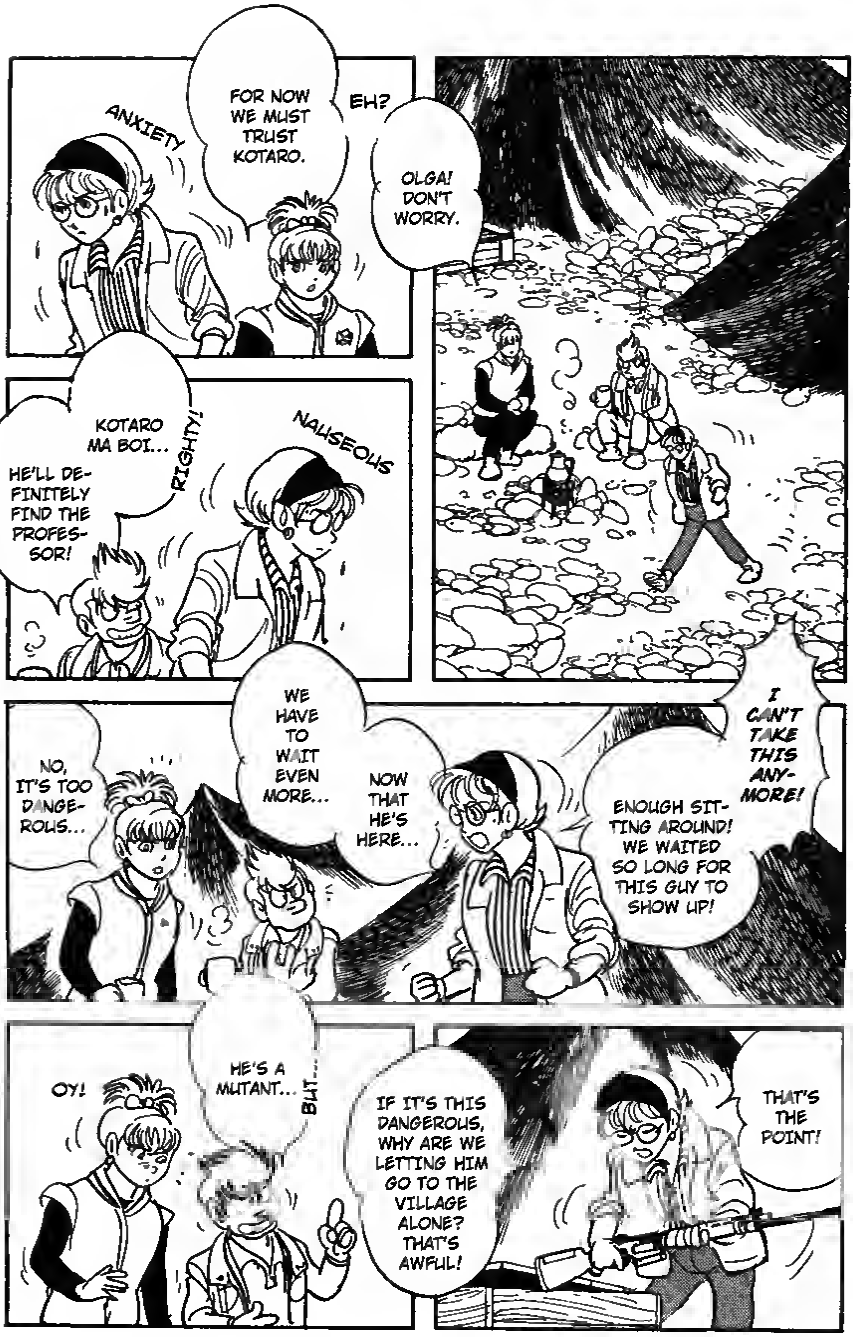
YES... I'VE LOST CONTACT WITH THE PROFESSOR HERE.
OLGA... SHE... SHE WAS DETERMINED TO GO TO THE VILLAGE AND FIND HER FATHER...
OF COURSE! MAINLY BECAUSE THIS INCIDENT HAS SUCH A JUICY NEWS SCOOP...
HEHEH
THAT'S WHY, WE CAME HERE.
--HEATHER IS MY FRIEND.
...DESTRUCTION AND REBIRTH..
DESTROY AND REBUILD...
ALL ARE PART OF GOLGOM'S IDEOLOGIES
REALLY?
WE THOUGHT SO TOO, WHICH IS WHY WE CALLED YOU HERE.

INITIALLY I WANTED TO GET IN THE VILLAGE TO INVESTIGATE...
I RECKON THIS IS WITHOUT A DOUBT ONE OF THEIR LAIRS.
YEAH!
DIDN'T YOU MENTION YOU WANTED TO FIND GOLGOM'S HEADQUARTERS...?
LET'S GO!
OKAY THEN!
BUT, HEATHER TOLD ME TO WAIT FOR YOU, JUST IN CASE ANYTHING HAPPENS...
HEHEH!
OUR TRAVEL GUIDE ALSO RAN OFF, SO...!
ACTUALLY, IT'S LIKE THIS... BECAUSE UMM...
SO I'M THEIR REPLACEMENT?
WHAT?
BUT— I'M GOING ALONE!
YOU WHAT, CRAZY !!
IF THIS REALLY IS ONE OF GOLGOM'S NESTS, THEN IT WOULD BE FAR TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU GUYS.
I'LL SCOUT AHEAD!
THEN REPORT BACK.
.....

SO THIS ...
REALLY IS GOLGOM'S LAIR?

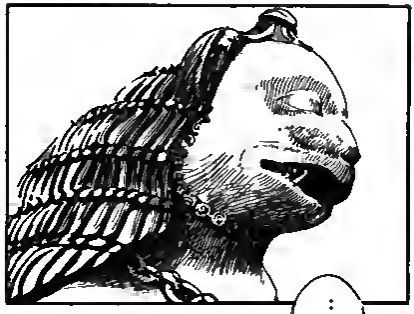


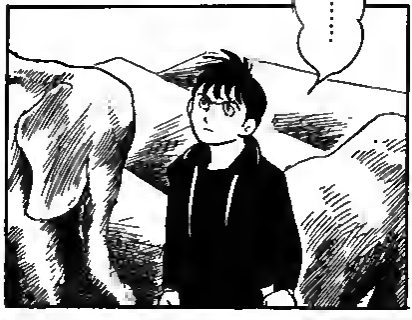
BUT, IT FEELS...
ヒュル
ルルル
WHERE ARE ALL THE VILLAGERS?
DOESN'T LOOK INHABITED...
...WHY IS IT SO QUIET?!
IT FEELS STRANGE...
IT'S LIKE THERE'S A STRONG KILLING INTENT IN THE AIR...


ANXIETY
FOR NOW WE MUST TRUST KOTARO.
EH?
OLGA! DON'T WORRY.
KOTARO MA BOI...
RIGHT!
NAUSEOUS
HE'LL DEFINITELY FIND THE PROFESSOR!
NO, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS...
WE HAVE TO WAIT EVEN MORE...
NOW THAT HE'S HERE...
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE!
ENOUGH SITTING AROUND! WE WAITED SO LONG FOR THIS GUY TO SHOW UP!
OY!
HE'S A MUTANT...
BUT...
IF IT'S THIS DANGEROUS, WHY ARE WE LETTING HIM GO TO THE VILLAGE ALONE? THAT'S AWFUL!
THAT'S THE POINT!

AH!
WHO ?!
NN...
THEY'RE HERE!

WAA
...?!





HHUH ...?!
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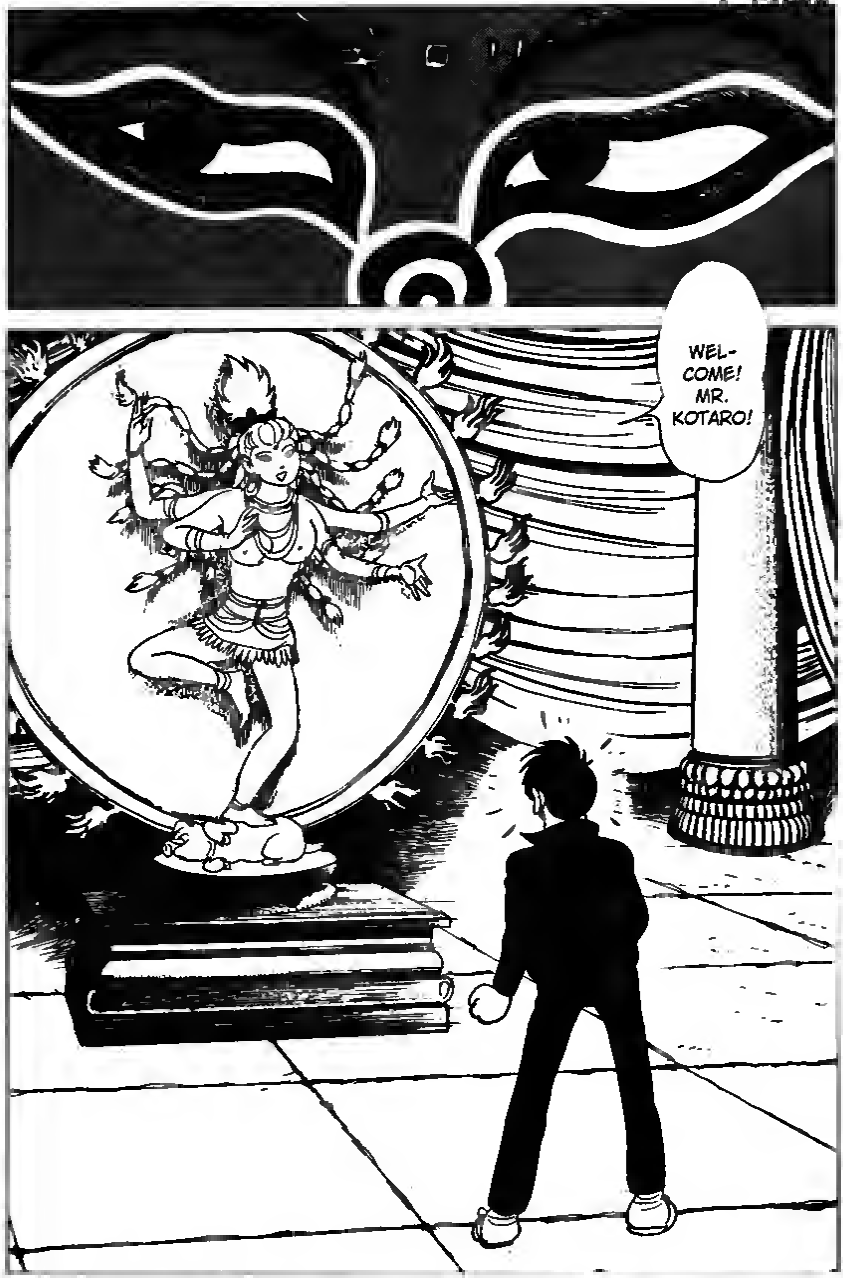
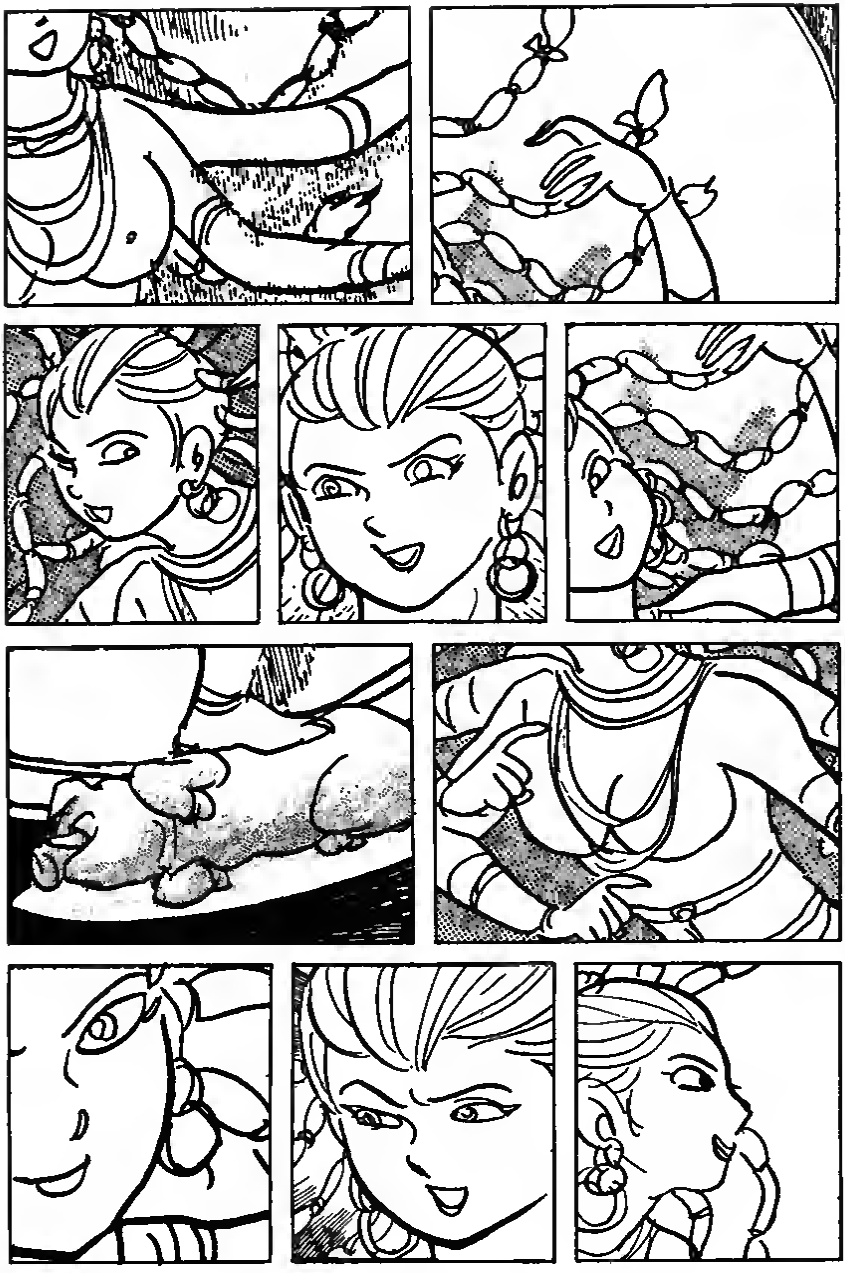

WEL-
COME!
MR.
KOTARO!



WAIT!!
YOU'RE SHIVA!
IT APPEARS I AM!
YET I AM NOT.
OH
ASHURA ?
WHO THE HELL CARES!
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT ANOTHER OF GOLGOM'S ABOMINATION.
DAMMIT!
THAT'S SHIVA THE GODDESS TO YOU.
THAT'S CORRECT!
HOHO...
BEHOLD! THE FLAMES REPRESENT "DESTRUCTION", THE DRUMS "CREATION", ARMS "PRESERVATION" AND MY LEGS SYMBOLIZE "REALITY" AND "LIBERATION".
WE'RE NOT SO DIFFERENT, AS WE'RE BOTH CITIZENS OF THE FUTURE!
THAT IS TO SAY
HOW DARE YOU CALL ME AN ABOMINATION! I HAPPEN TO REPRESENT GOLGOM'S IDEALS
OH ME OH MY!
IT'S AN HONOR ...?!
IT SOUNDS LIKE...

YOU KNEW I WAS COMING?
HAH!
NEEDLESS TO SAY! I KNEW BEFORE YOU EVEN LEFT JAPAN.
BECAUSE....
AN IMPORTANT MISSION AWAITS YOU HERE!
IMPORTANT MISSION?
YOU TELLING ME MY MISSION IS TO DESTROY THIS PLACE?
THIS SO CALLED "PALACE"...! IS THAT RIGHT!
OOH LA LA
HOW ABOUT WE PLAY FOR A WHILE?
I'VE GOT SOME TIME ON MY HANDS!
OOOH! LOOK AT THAT STRONG BODY OF YOURS!
STOP MESSING AROUND!!
YOU!
I'M SERIOUS.
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF ENJOYING THE PRESENT?

IF THAT'S SO, THEN I'LL PLAY ALONG!
SHINY AND BLACK STEEL-LIKE MUSCLES!
SO BUFF!
KYAAA!
SO HANDSOME ~~!
WAAAA!
OH MY GOD...
HEY! ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE AROUND HERE?
N~
YOU'RE SO RANDOM.
I'VE LOST MY WILL TO FIGHT!
DON'T BE SILLY!
THERE'S SOO! ALL OF WHICH ARE MY ALLIES.
WHICH IS WHY, YOU'RE NOT GETTING OUTTA HERE.
HAHA...
YOU CAN'T DEFEAT US.
.....

RITUAL ...?
WHEN IT'S TIME FOR THE RITUAL...
I'M BEGGING YOU TO GIVE UP!
WHY CAN'T WE JUST GET ALONG? TO BE HONEST...
THAT'S RIGHT! WE HAVE TO FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED IN JAPAN, REMEMBER THE BATTLE FOR THE KING'S THRONE?
SHOULDN'T BE LONG UNTIL THIS 'NOBUHIKO', GETS HERE...
WHY?
SHOULD BE PRETTY OBVIOUS!
BECAUSE WE TOLD HIM TO COME HERE!
AND IS COMING HERE?
NOBUHIKO KNOWS ABOUT THE RITUAL...
OF COURSE!
HE'S ALSO MUCH SHARPER THAN YOU!
...WHAT? NOBUHIKO'S COMING HERE?

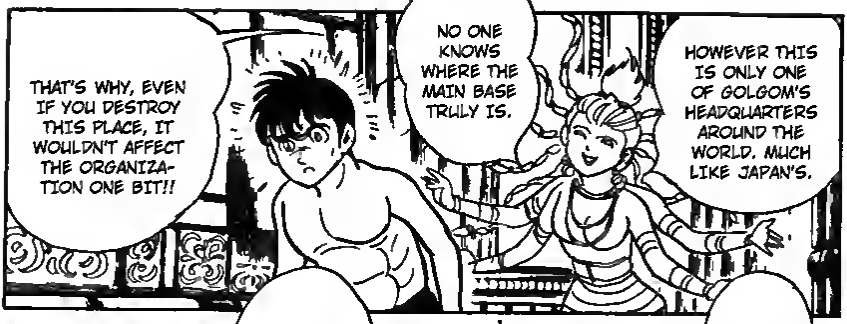
WHERE... DID THEY COME FROM?
RIGHT ON TIME...
THEY'RE FINALLY HERE.
AH!
GE...
OLGA!!
HEA-THER ?!
SAM !!
AHH!

ASTONIS-
HING...!
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT SUCH A PLACE IS BUILT UNDER THE VILLAGE

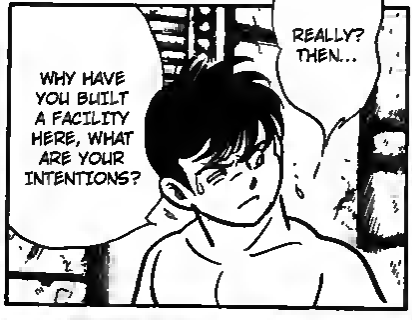
...I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING.
WHAT ARE THESE PEOPLE PLANNING?
KOTARO, LOOKS LIKE THIS IS REALLY THEIR NEST. UNDENIABLY!
NO MATTER WHAT, I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE HE ARRIVES!
IF NOT, THEN ONE OF US WILL DIE...
TELL ME!
HEATHER, WHAT SECRETS ARE YOU HIDING?
WHAT ARE THEY?
IN ORDER TO COMPETE WITH ME FOR THE RIGHT TO RULE...!
JUST FOR THIS, WE WOULD COME TO NEPAL?
NOBUHIKO'S COMING SOON...!
BUT, MY FRIENDS ARE NOW HOSTAGES...
HEH
EVERYTHING ALRIGHT IN THERE, MR. KOTARO?

BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU, THE WINNER WILL BE CROWNED KING. BUT...
THAT'S WHY...
MR. NOBUHIKO WILL BE HERE TOMORROW MORNING.
TO-MOR-ROW MOR-NING?
MOST LIKELY YOU WILL BE DEFEATED TOMORROW.
HONESTLY, ALL THAT WE'VE DONE IS TO ADD COLOR TO OUR LIFE-STYLE!
YOU...YOU MONSTROUS SLUT...!!
HEEEEEEY!!
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME IN BED TONIGHT?
AND SINCE YOU DON'T HAVE LONG, WHY DON'T YOU ENJOY WHAT LITTLE TIME YOU HAVE LEFT? AM I RIGHT?
DON'T DO IT! KOTARO !!
AAH!!
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT! GODDESS SHIVA.
MIGHT AS WELL...
... SURE!

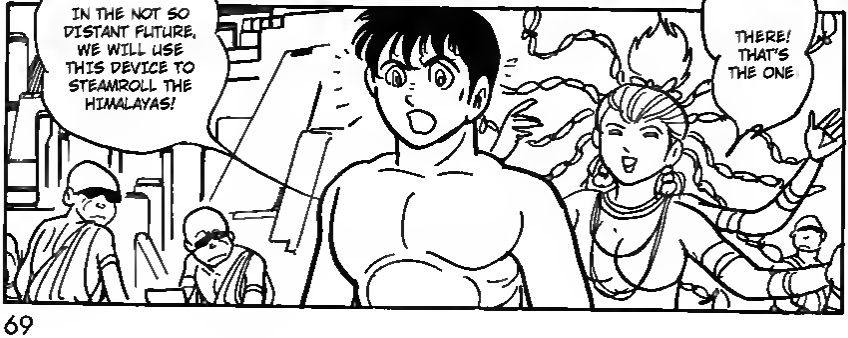
.....
IF YOU WANNA LIVE YOU'LL BE QUIET!
SHUT UP!!
MR. KOTARO IS DIFFERENT FROM MORTALS LIKE YOU!!
KOTARO! I KNOW YOU'RE AN INTELLIGENT MAN.
BEST YOU DON'T TRY ANYTHING.
KOTARO!!
YES!
IS THIS GOLGOM'S HEADQUARTERS?
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW...
OR ELSE WE MIGHT HAVE TO KILL THESE FOOLS...

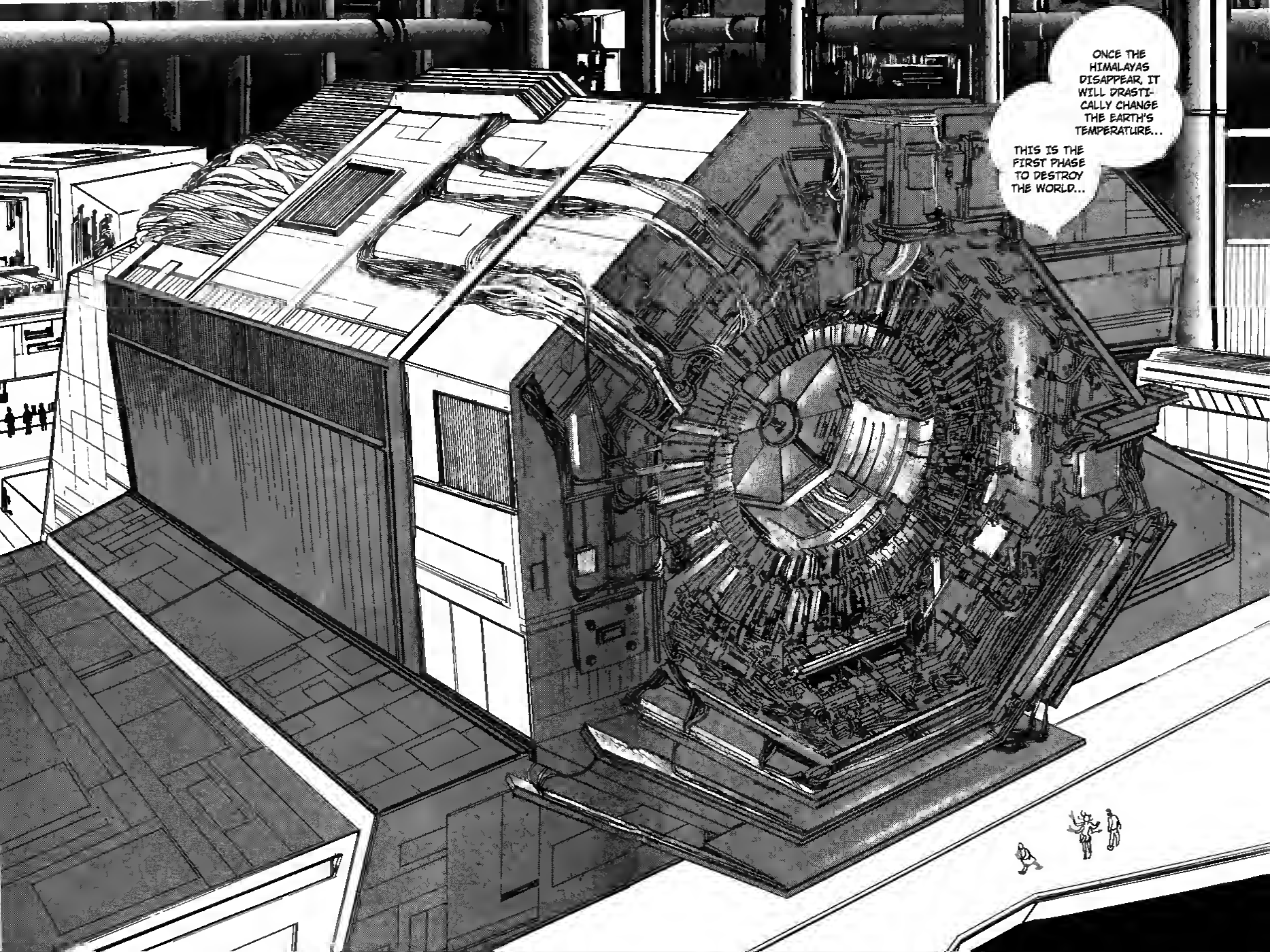

NO ONE KNOWS WHERE THE MAIN BASE TRULY IS.
HOWEVER THIS IS ONLY ONE OF GOLGOM'S HEADQUARTERS AROUND THE WORLD. MUCH LIKE JAPAN'S.
THAT'S WHY, EVEN IF YOU DESTROY THIS PLACE, IT WOULDN'T AFFECT THE ORGANIZATION ONE BIT!!

尼泊爾・大地震
377人死亡、数千人
WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EARTHQUAKES IN NEPAL HERE
YOU WANT TO SEE THE DEVICE?
THE DEVICE?

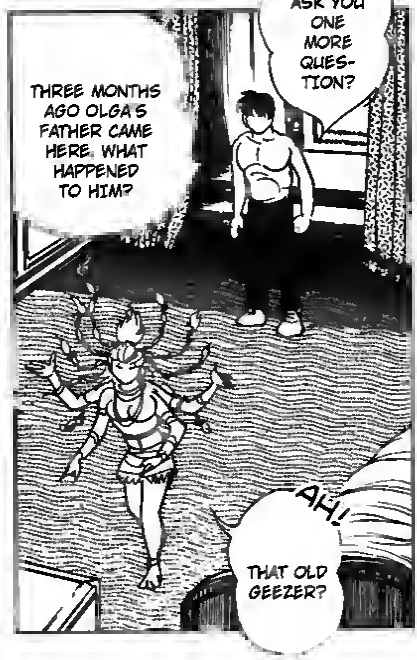

REALLY? THEN...
WHY HAVE YOU BUILT A FACILITY HERE, WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS?

HERE WE MAINLY FOCUS ON EXPERIMENTATIONS TO LIQUEFY THE EARTH.
WE CREATE MAN-MADE EARTHQUAKES TO LIQUEFY THE EARTH'S CRUST AND MANTLE!


IN THE NOT SO DISTANT FUTURE, WE WILL USE THIS DEVICE TO STEAMROLL THE HIMALAYAS!
THERE! THAT'S THE ONE


ONCE THE HIMALAYAS DISAPPEAR, IT WILL DRASTICALLY CHANGE THE EARTH'S TEMPERATURE...
THIS IS THE FIRST PHASE TO DESTROY THE WORLD...

IT'S IN THIS PAGODA.
COME! MR. KOTARO... COME TO MY ROOM!
THIS GODDESS IS STRANGE... HOW CAN SHE LEAK THESE SECRETS...


CAN I ASK YOU ONE MORE QUESTION?
THREE MONTHS AGO OLGA'S FATHER CAME HERE. WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
AH!
THAT OLD GEEZER?

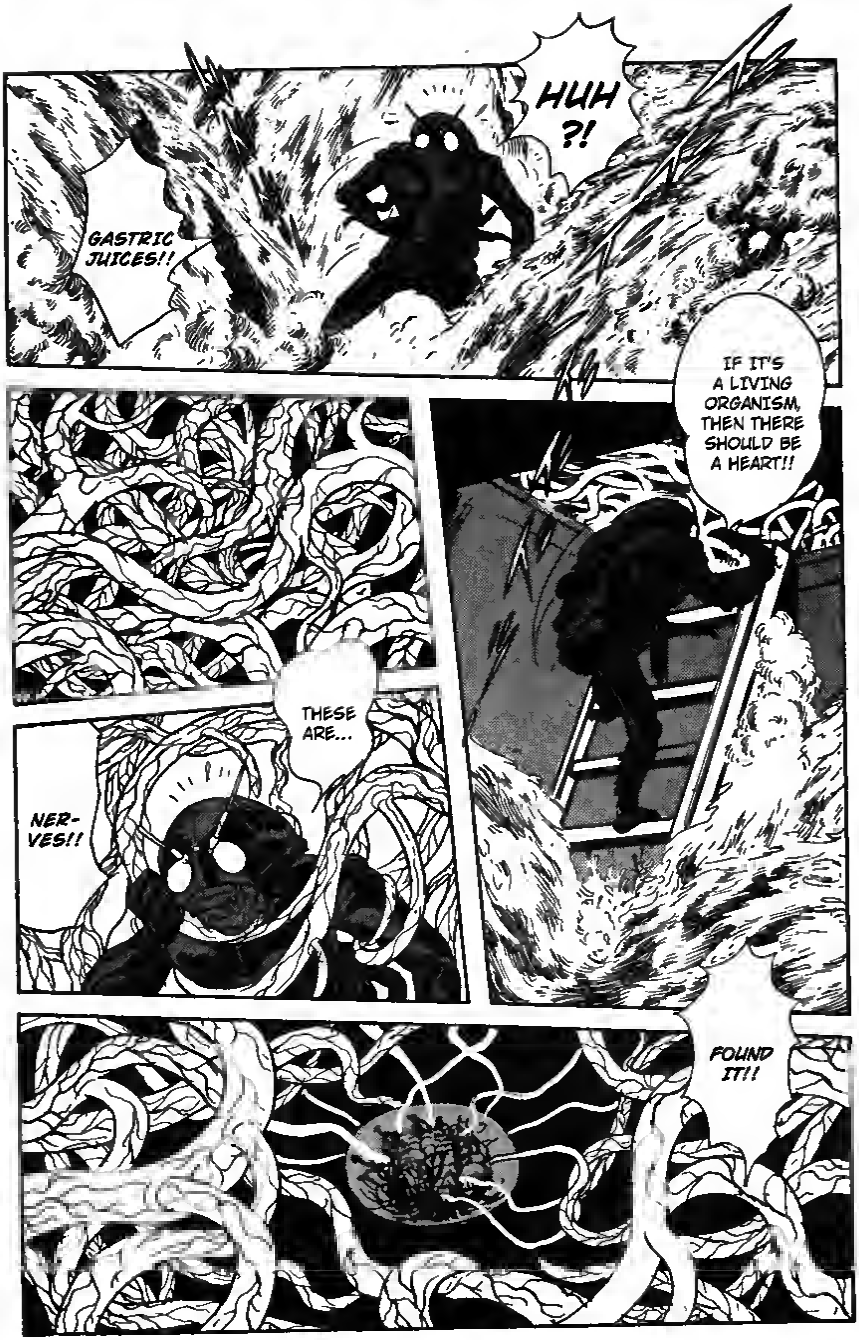
I KILLED HIM!
.....!!
LET ME ASK YOU AGAIN...
ARE YOU THE LEADER OF THIS FACILITY?
WHAT ALCOHOL WOULD YOU LIKE?
THAT'S RIGHT...
HEH
KOTARO, YOU SURE ARE FULL OF QUES-TIONS.
HAHAHAHA
COME! SIT BESIDE ME!
HAVE A BEER!
.....
BIO

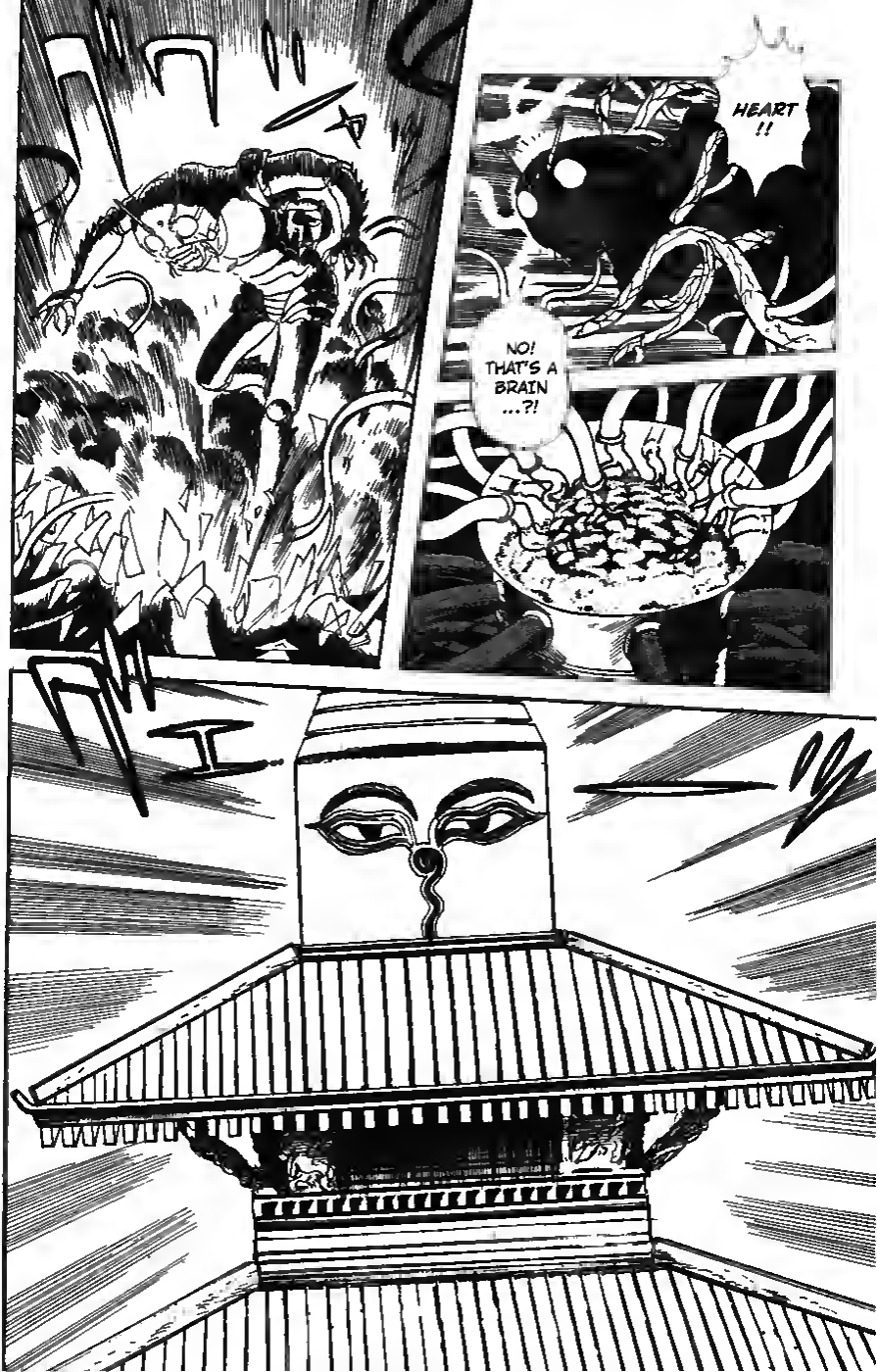
SHIVA! IT'S TIME TO DIE!!

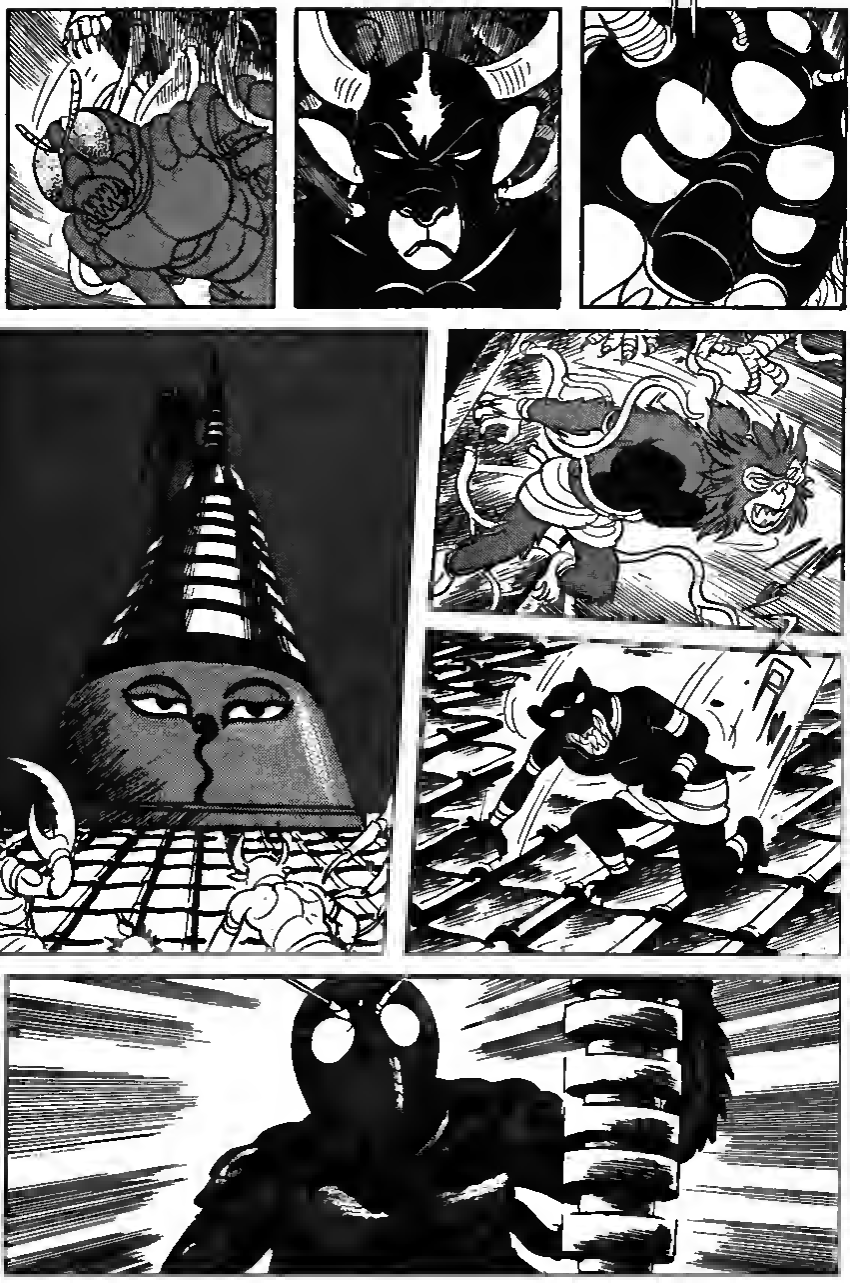
WE ARE THE SAME 'BREED'!
HAVE SIX ARMS!!
I TOO...
YOU'RE INSIDE THIS PAGODA!!
I...I HAVE AN ARMY, AND...
NNN!
BUT- THERE'S NO USE IN KILLING ME!
YOU'RE ...SO STRONG! MR. KOTARO ...
NN...
NNGH ...!
YOU... CANNOT ESCAPE...

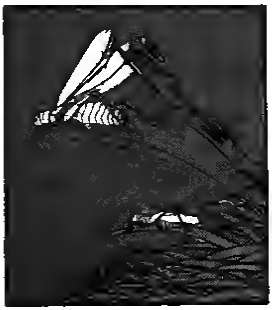
NNN-
GGHH
...!!
HUH?

AHH!
SHE MEANS WE'RE INSIDE OF HER!
I SEE!
SHE MEANS THIS PAGODA..
IS ALSO A MODIFIED CREATURE!


HUH ?!
GASTRIC JUICES!!
IF IT'S A LIVING ORGANISM, THEN THERE SHOULD BE A HEART!!
THESE ARE...
NER-VES!!
FOUND IT!!

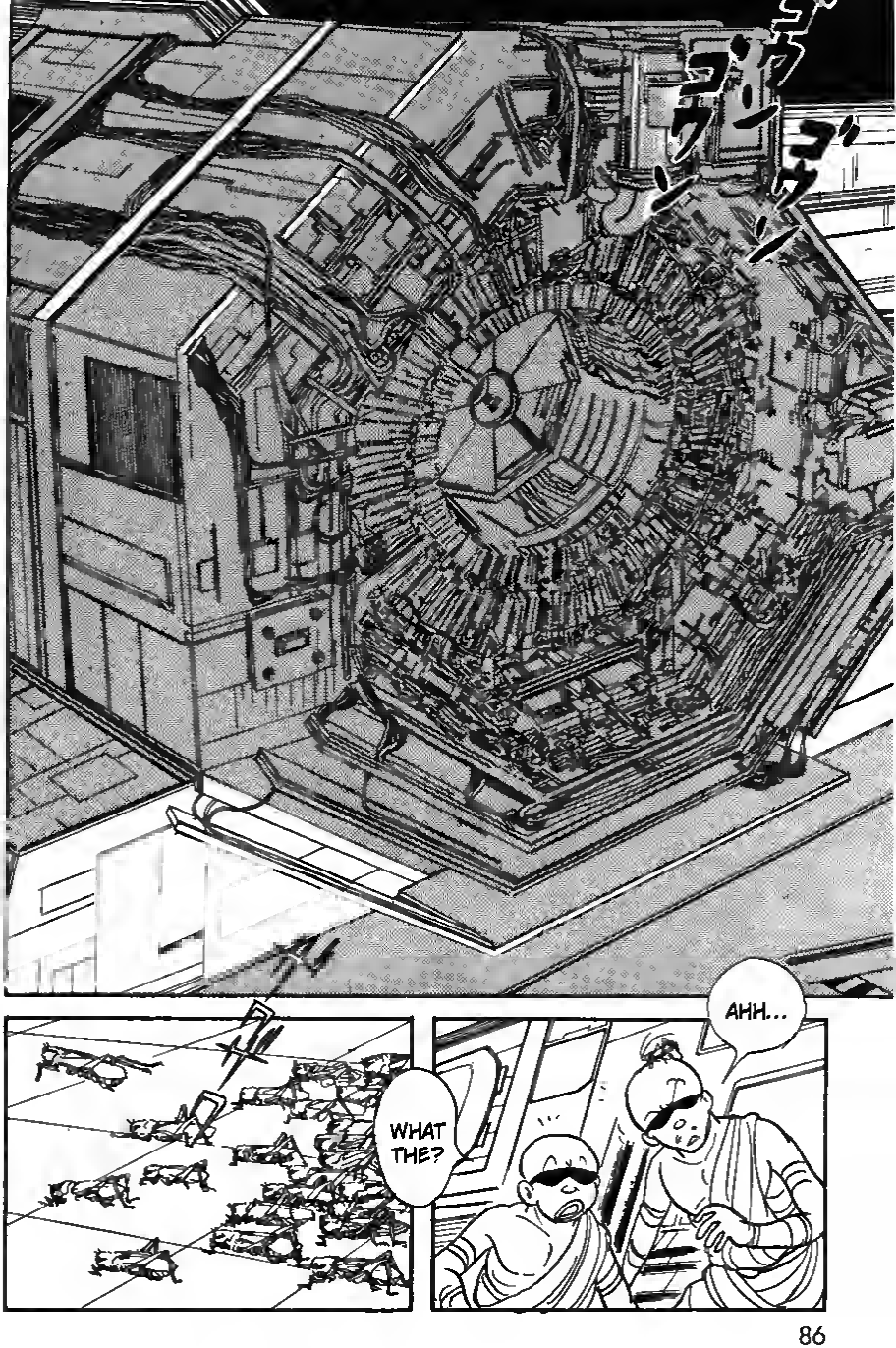

HEART !!
NO! THAT'S A BRAIN ...?!

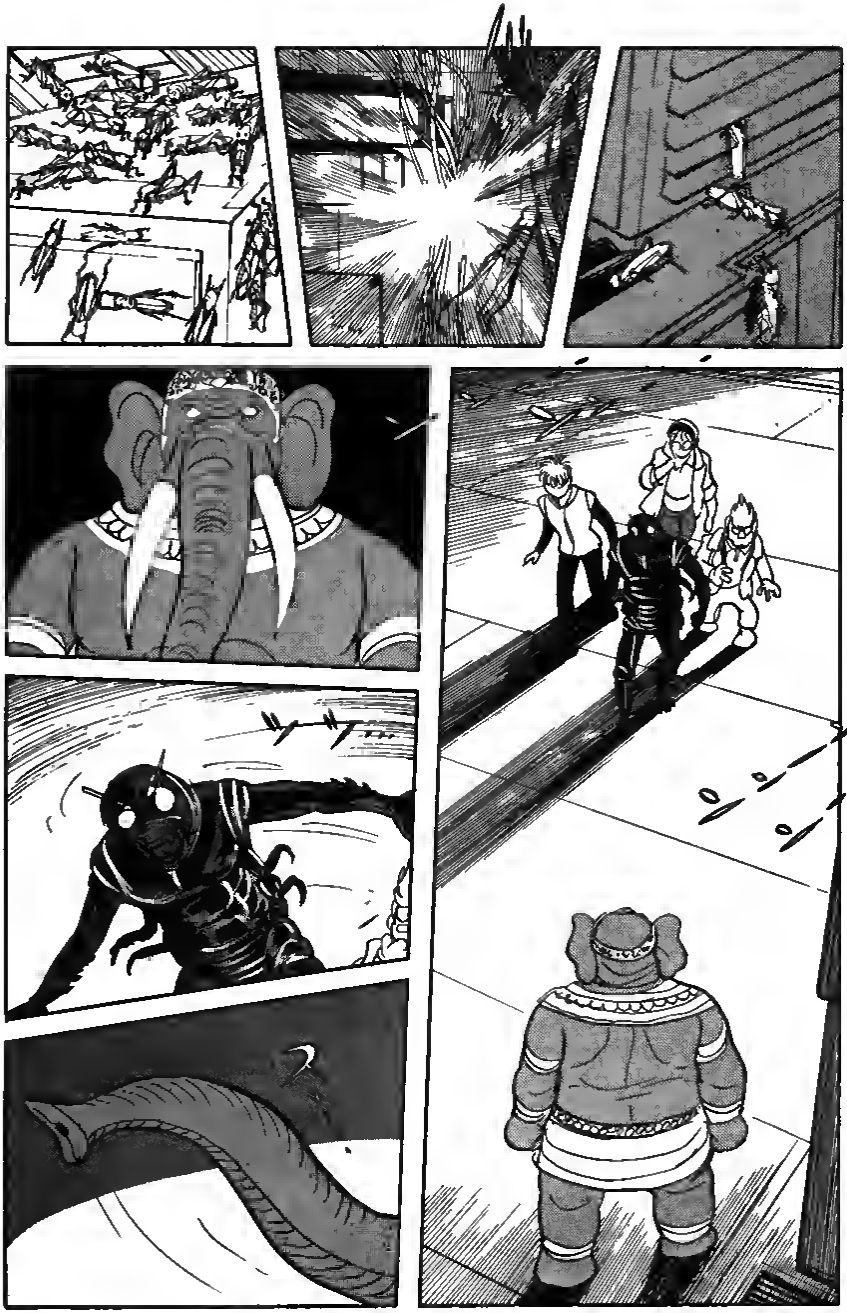


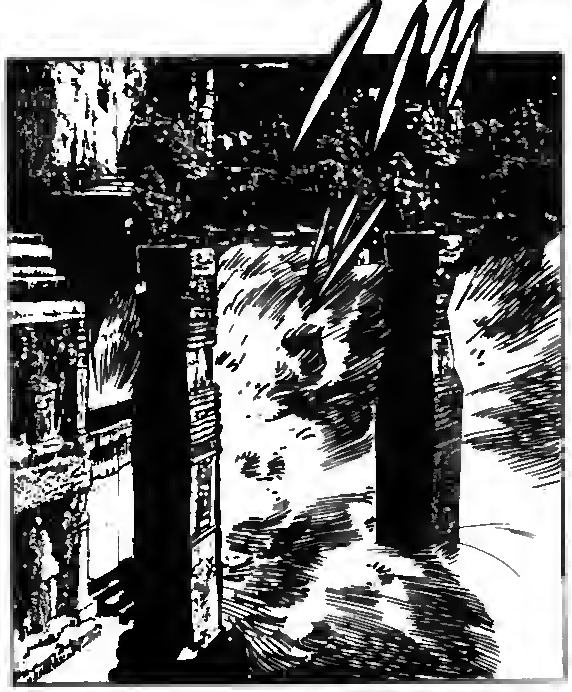


AH?!

KOTARO ?!
GOTTA GO!
THIS WAY!!
...ASK LATER!
GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE !!


AHH...
WHAT THE?





AHH!

KO-TARO ?!
NOBU-HIKO!
...THAT'S RIGHT!
AND YOU! WHY HAVE YOU FOLLOWED ME?
YOU...
YOU DID THIS?
I... DIDN'T FOLLOW YOU!
DIDN'T YOU SEND ME A MESSAGE, AND TOLD ME TO GET HERE FAST?
REALLY ...?
YOU SAID YOU WERE IN DANGER, AND TOLD ME TO RESCUE YOU!

I GOT HERE AFTER I RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE!
IMPOSSIBLE!
I NEVER SENT YOU A MESSAGE...
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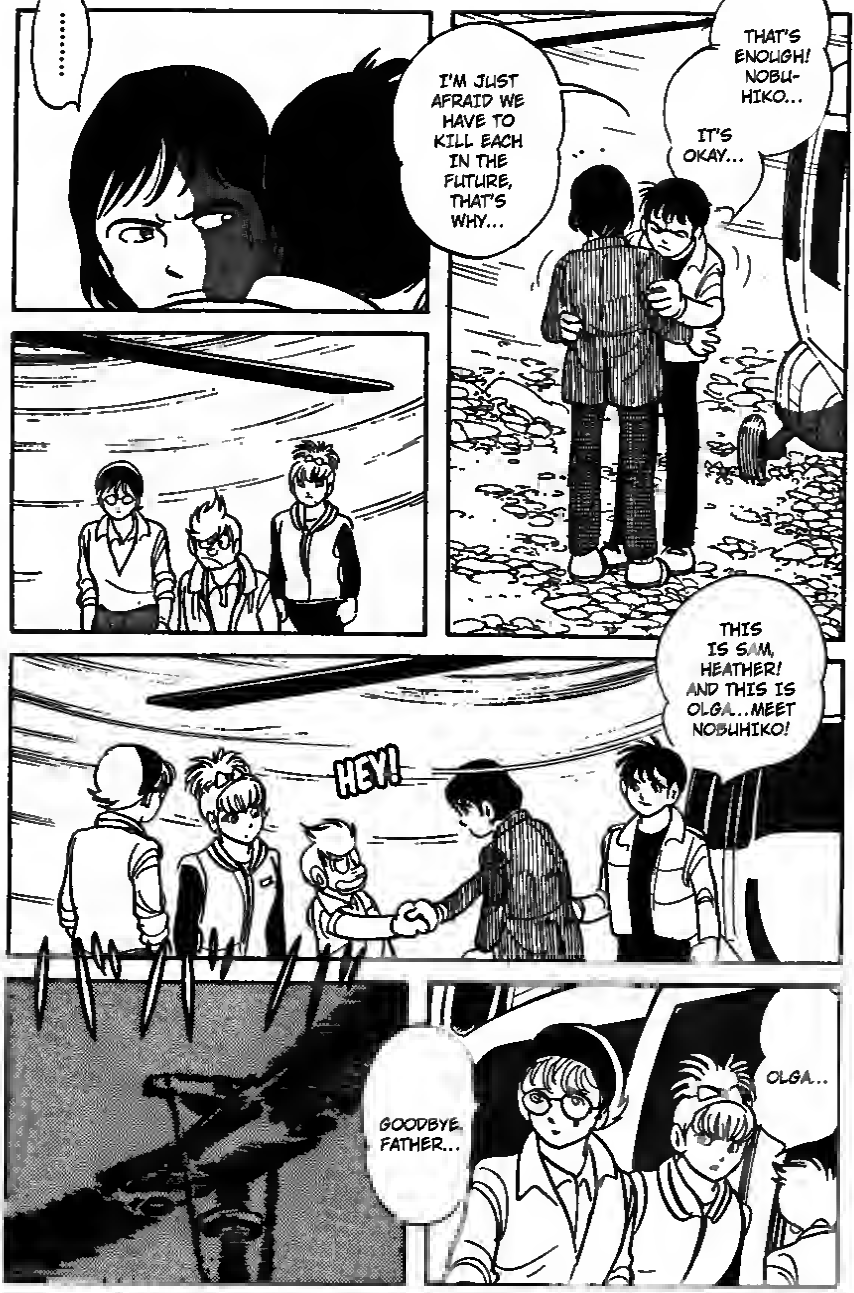
BUT...
.....
YOU... DON'T TRUST ME...?!
KOTARO, COULD IT BE...
LET THE TWO OF US...
THEN BELIEVE ME!
I WANT YOU TO TRUST ME!
I'M NOT DOUBTING YOU! NOBUHIKO!
--I JUST DON'T WANT US TO BE ENEMIES!!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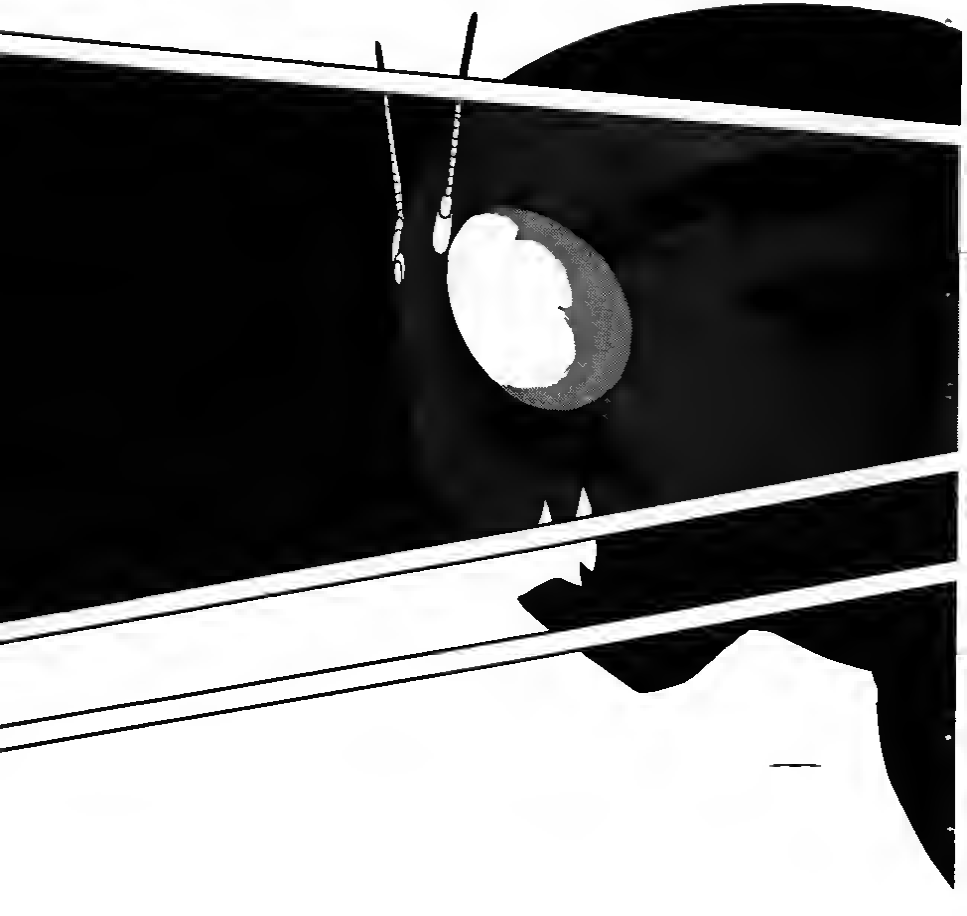
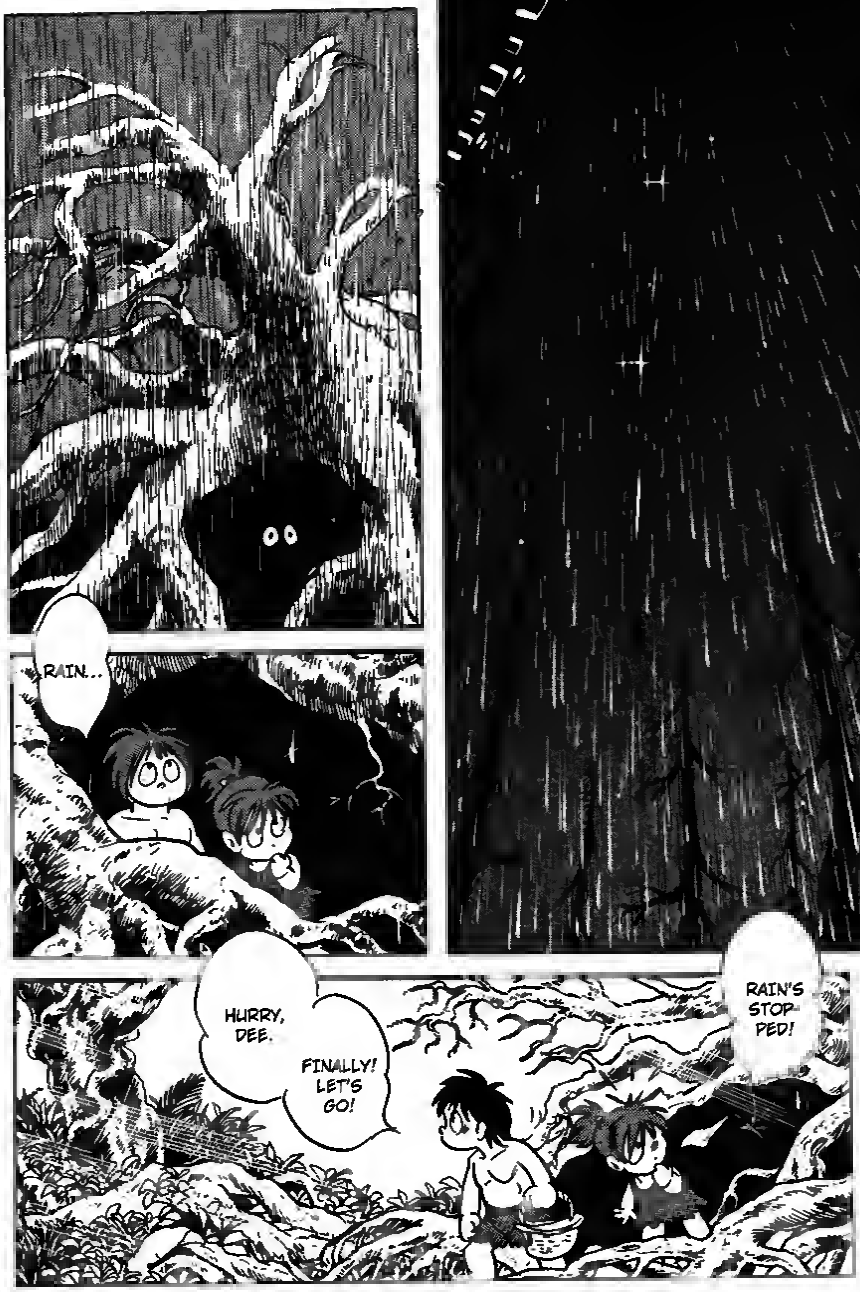
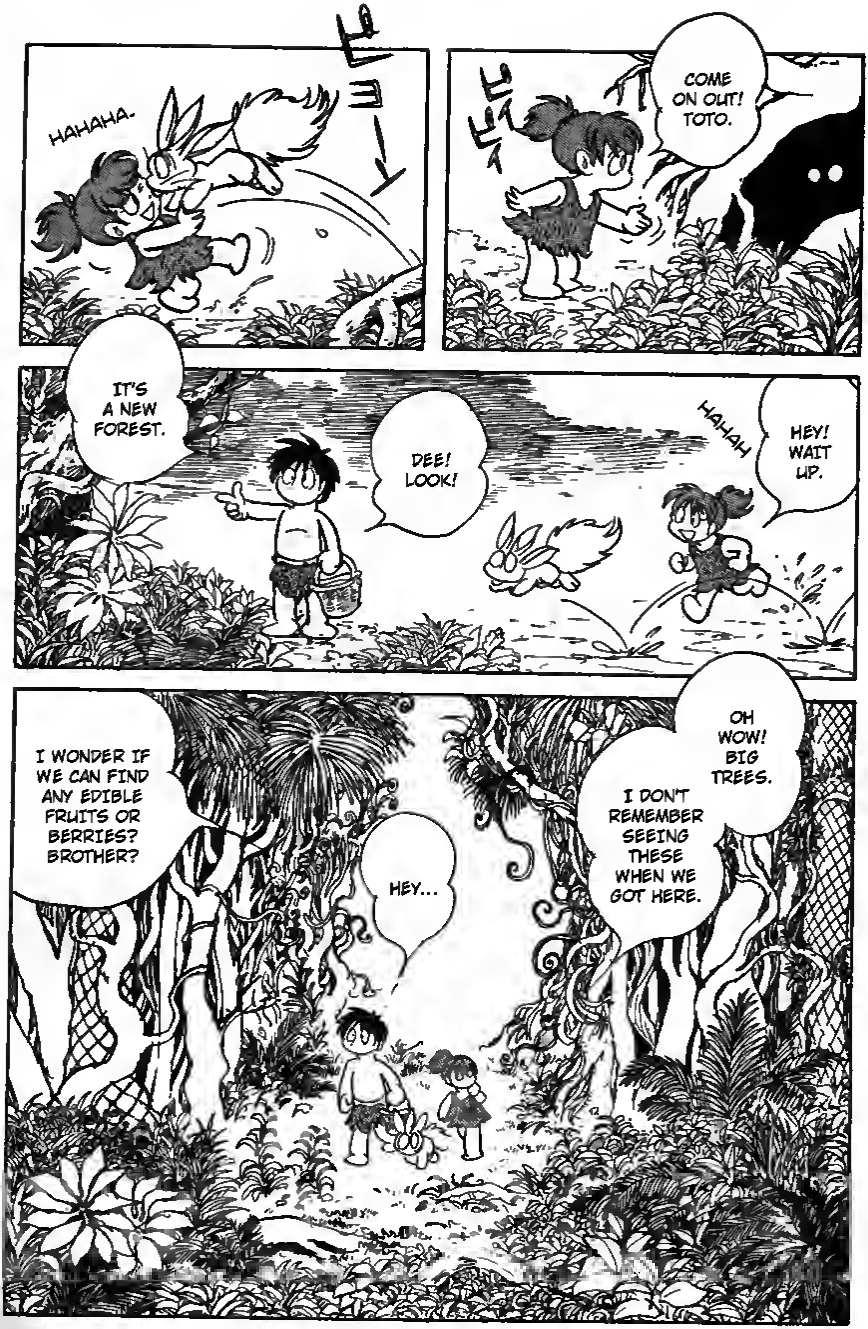
I'M JUST AFRAID WE HAVE TO KILL EACH IN THE FUTURE, THAT'S WHY...
THAT'S ENOUGH! NOBUHIKO...
IT'S OKAY...
THIS IS SAM, HEATHER! AND THIS IS OLGA...MEET NOBUHIKO!
HEY!
GOODBYE FATHER...
OLGA...

...KOTARO, YOU RETURNING TO JAPAN?
NO...I'M GOING TO ROMANIA WITH SAM!
I'M TOLD THERE'S A MYSTERIOUS CASTLE
SURE! THEN WE'LL GO TOGETHER...! KOTARO

PART 20
AUSTRALIA
BACK TO THE FUTURE
CHAPTER TWO




RAIN...
RAIN'S STOPPED!
HURRY, DEE.
FINALLY! LET'S GO!


HAHAHA.
COME ON OUT! TOTO.
IT'S A NEW FOREST.
DEE! LOOK!
HAHAH
HEY! WAIT UP.
I WONDER IF WE CAN FIND ANY EDIBLE FRUITS OR BERRIES? BROTHER?
HEY...
I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING THESE WHEN WE GOT HERE.
OH WOW! BIG TREES.

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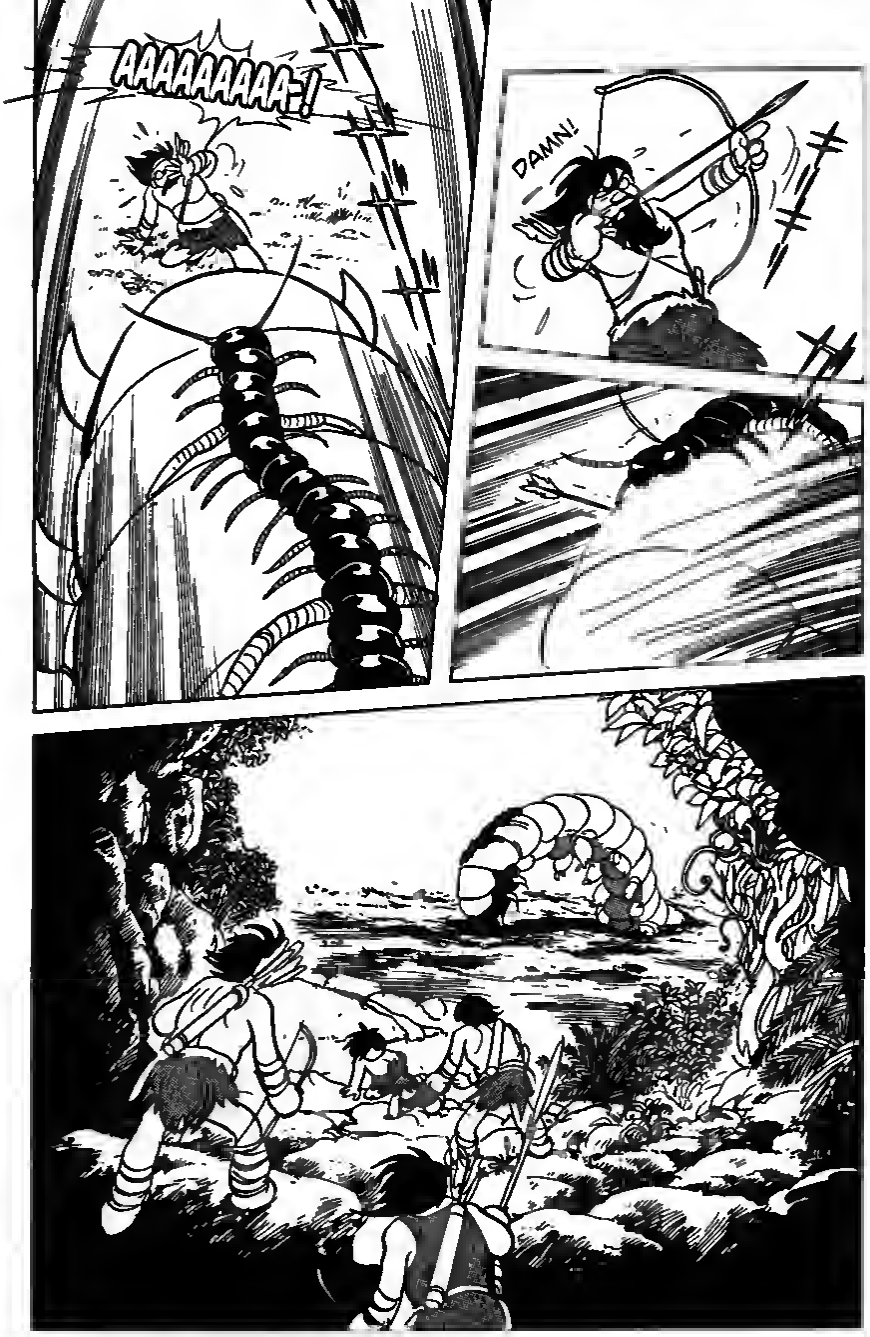
HEY LOOK! MUSH-ROOMS!
IF IT'S RED, DON'T!
IT'S DEFINITELY POISONOUS
REALLY ...?
AAAA!
RUN! DEE!
BUT, TOTO ...!!
OR THEY'LL GET YOU!
YOU IDIOT! HURRY! DON'T LOOK BACK!

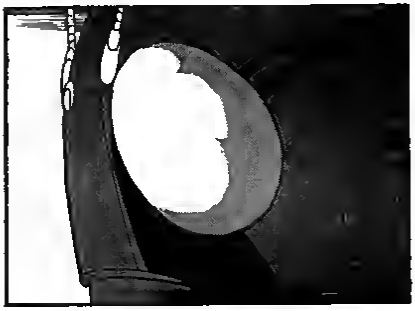
DEE !!
BRO-THER !!
WAA!
HELP !!
HE!
SOME-ONE...
GET OUT OF THE FOREST !!
WAA...

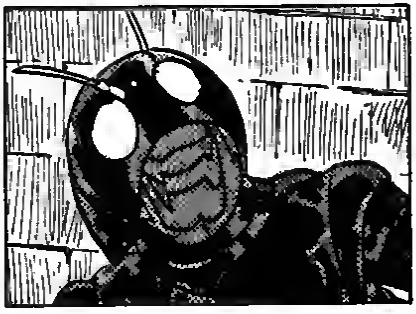
BECAUSE NO ONE KNOWS WHAT LURKS WITHIN, COULD BE VERY DANGEROUS!
NEVER TO ENTER THE NEW FORESTS ...
DIDN'T ANYONE TELL YOU?
THAT WAS CLOSE!
DRAT!
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
WE, WERE LOOKING FOR FOOD ...
SORRY ...
SOR!
BUT WE'RE SO HUNGRY ...!
WAAAH!
ALRIGHT! NO MORE TEARS.
FOLLOW ME BACK TO THE TRIBE...
HUH?
CURSES!!

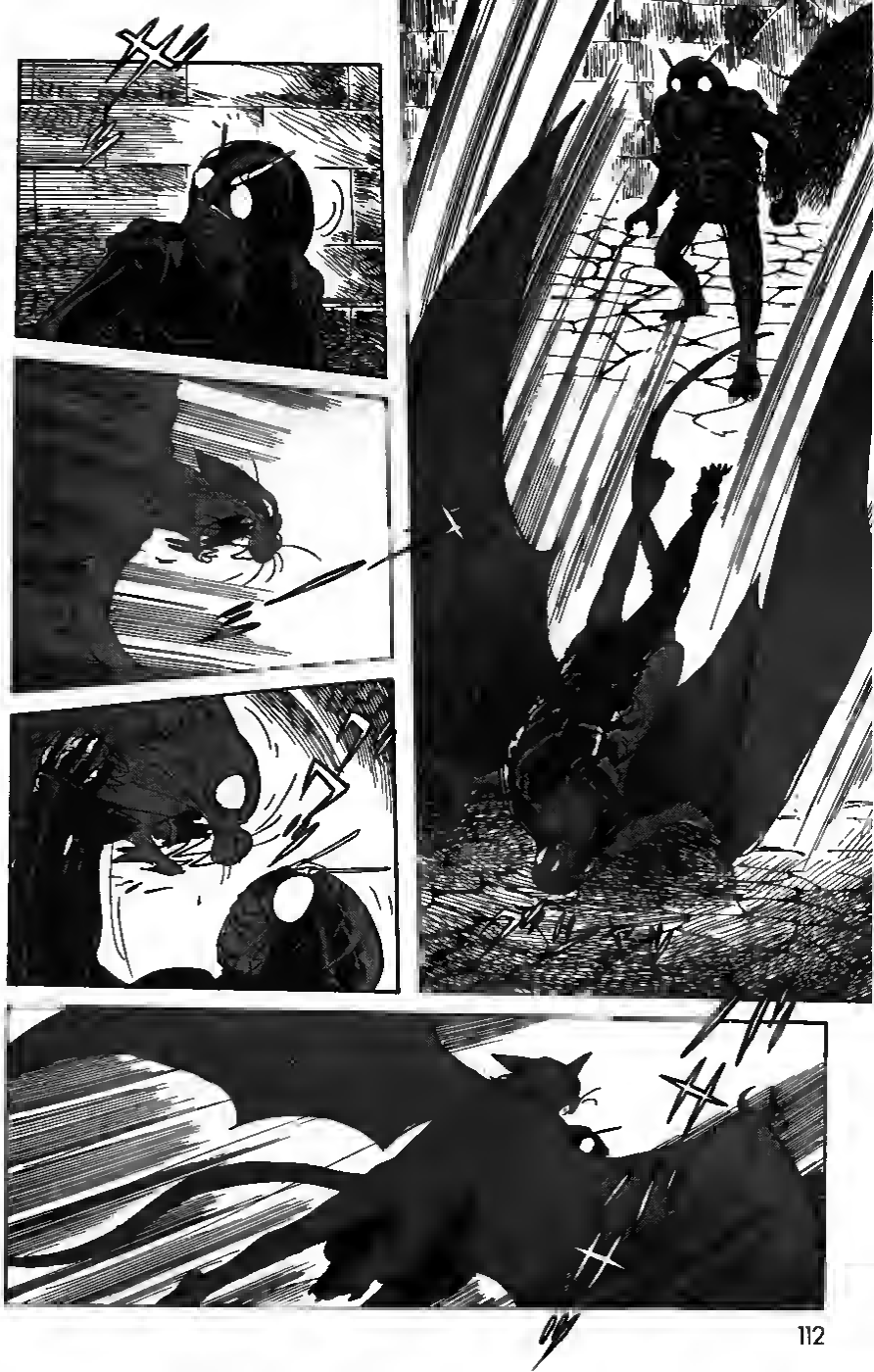
WAA! IT'S A WORM MONSTER ~~!!
GET OUTTA HERE!!


AAAAAAAAA-!
DAMN!

A MAN-EATING FOREST HAS SPROUTED NEARBY...
ACCORDING TO THESE KIDS...
TSK! THE DAYS JUST KEEP GETTING HARDER...
HEH.
KOTARO MINAMI...
LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO THE "DARK GOD" OF THE PAST TO SAVE HUMANITY.
WE...NO! THE FATE OF THE WORLD'S SEALED...

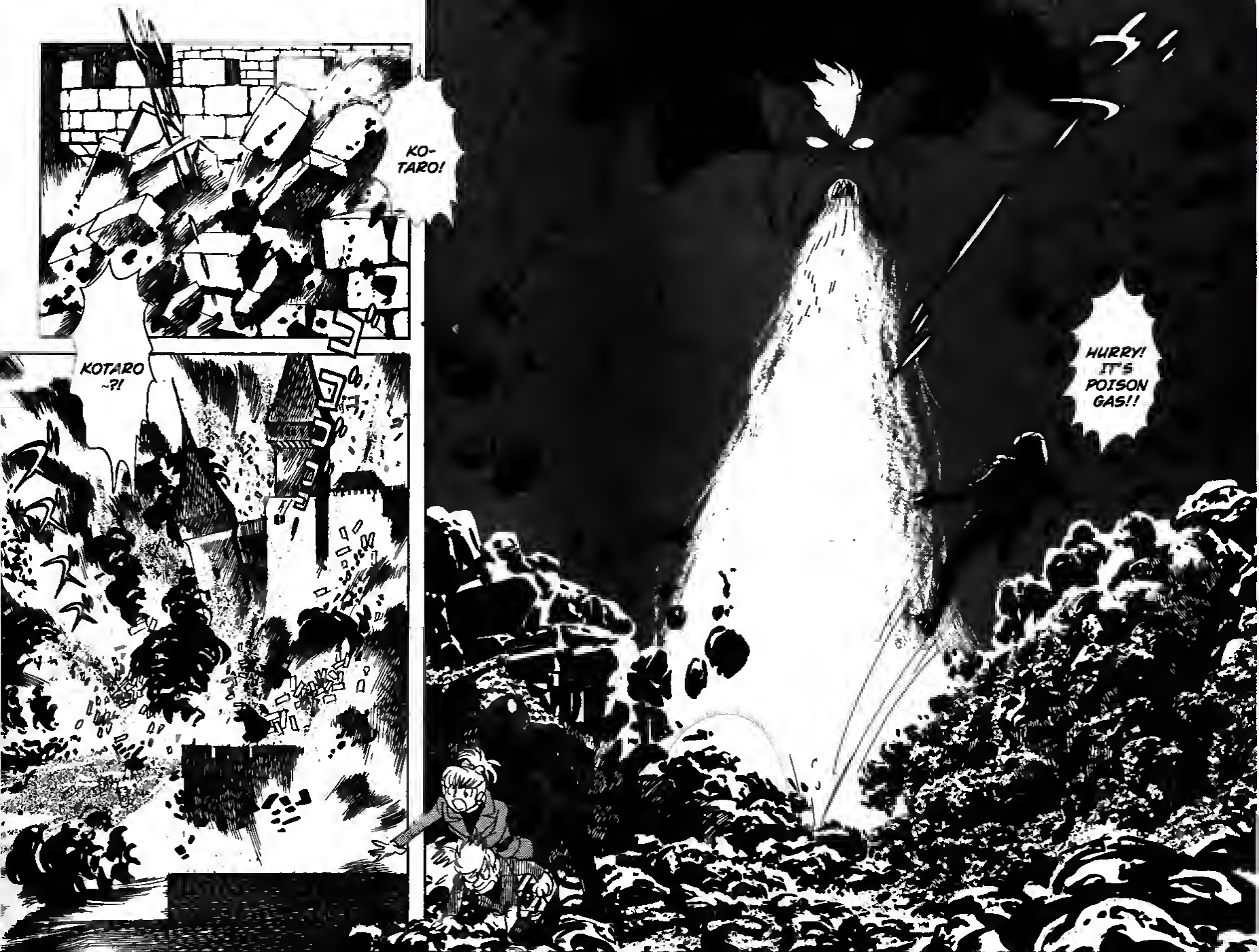






MAYBE IT'S NOBUHIKO?
NO!
IS THAT KOTARO?
THEY LOOK TOO SIMILAR IT'S HARD TO SPOT THE DIFFERENCE.
INSTEAD OF CALLING IT GOLGOM'S HQ, WHY NOT...
HEH!
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THIS IS THE LEGENDARY DRACULA'S CASTLE...
AS LONG AS WE JOIN FORCES, NOTHING CAN STOP US!
THAT'S RIGHT! KOTARO.
HAHAHA!
JUST CALL THIS PLACE A NEST OF MONSTERS ...!

NOBUHIKO! GET THEM OUTTA HERE. HURRY!


KO-
TARO!
KOTARO
~?!
HURRY!
IT'S
POISON
GAS!!

NN-GHH ...
HEA-THER?
SAM ?!
NOBU-HIKO ...!!

WHERE AM I?
IT'S NOT ROMANIA
WHAT'S GOING ON?

IS...
THIS WAR?

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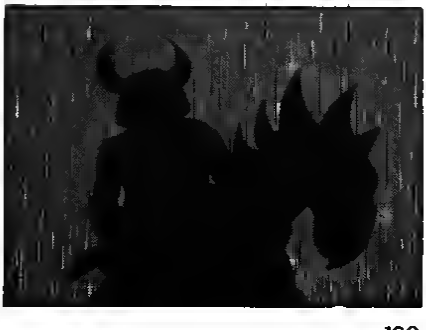
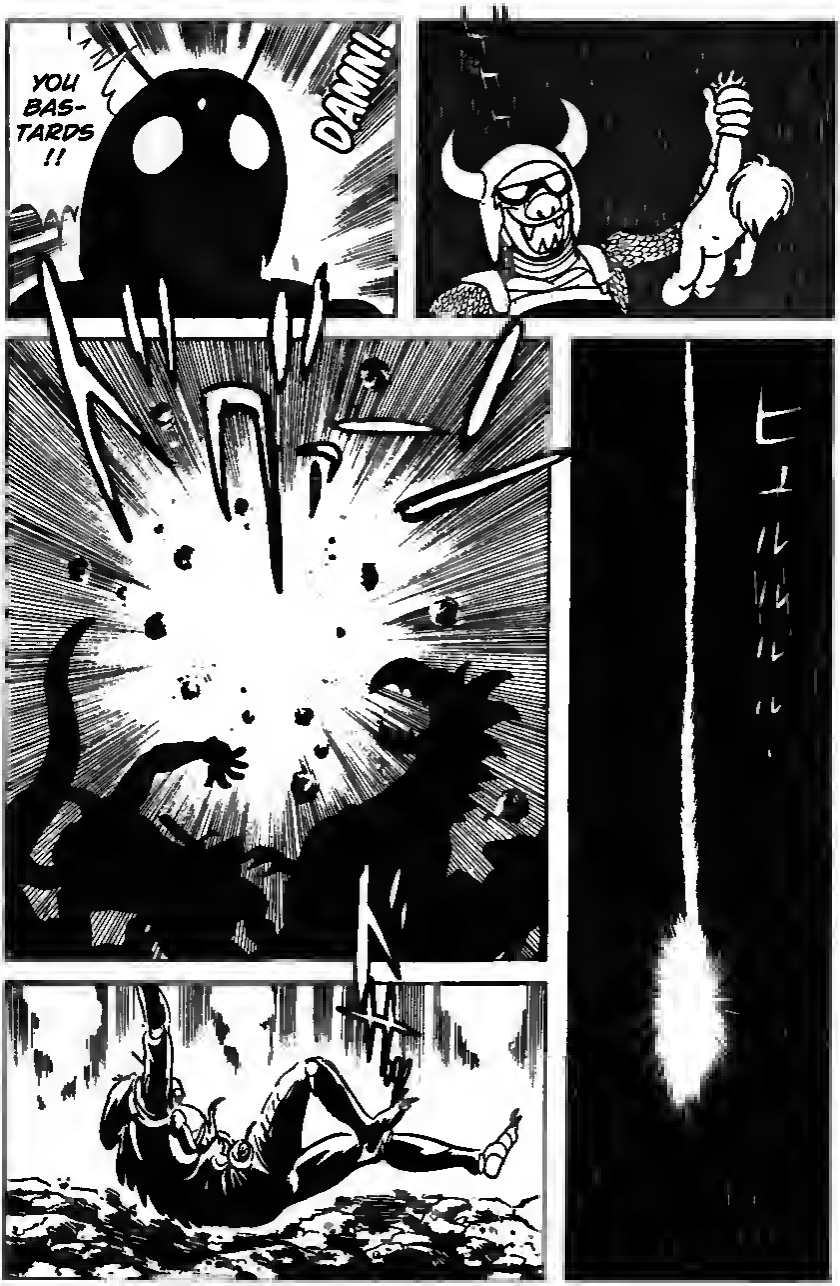


...COULD THIS BE... AUSTRALIA OF THE FUTURE?
MA-JESTY ?!
GREET-INGS! YOUR MAJ-ESTY!
...THESE THINGS...
HAVE MISTAKEN ME AS THE DEMON KING OF THIS WORLD!!
AHH!


YOU BAS-TARDS !!
DAMN!
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(AAAAAAA----)
EVERY-ONE STOP!
HE'S NOT THE DEMON KING!

KOTARO, PLEASE REVERT BACK TO HUMAN FORM.
YES! WE HAVE SUMMONED YOU HERE ONCE MORE!
IT REALLY IS YOU!
HE'S TRAVELLED THROUGH SPACE AND TIME TO SAVE US. HE IS...
THE SAVIOR KING!!
TO FIGHT THE DEMON KING, HE HAS SHIFTED HIS APPEARANCE TO LOOK LIKE HIM—
JUST SO PEOPLE KNOW YOU'RE NOT HIM.
--EVERYONE! LOOK CLOSELY—
LEAVE US AND GUARD THE PERIMETER.
PLEASE DON'T WORRY!
...RIGHT NOW, WE NEED TO DISCUSS MATTERS RIGHT NOW...

IS THIS FLOWER FOR ME?
EH?
HER NAME IS DEE.
GO PLAY WITH YOUR SISTER OUTSIDE
COME! COME!
THE DEMON KING'S ARMY HAS BEGUN ITS ASSAULT ON US.
WE'VE CALLED YOU HERE, BECAUSE...
NO! WHAT'S LEFT OF THE HUMAN RACE WILL BE ANNIHILATED.
WON'T BE LONG, UNTIL WE...
JUST NOW, I WAS IN AN ABANDONED CITY, I SAW...
PEOPLE WERE FIGHTING BACK.

NO MATTER WHAT HUMANS DO, THEY WILL END UP AS SLAVES TO THEIR CAPTORS OR EATEN...
WE COULD SEE THE FUTURE.
IS WHAT'S LEFT OF THEIR WEAPONS—TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THEIR INEVITABLE DEMISE.
THAT'S CORRECT! ALL THAT'S LEFT FOR THE REMAINING HUMANS...
YOU MUST KILL THE DEMON KING!!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP THIS—
HUMANITY WILL SOON BE EXTINCT.
ONE WAY?
ONLY—
HE IS THE MASTER OF THE DEMON CLAN!
CUT THE HEAD OFF AND THE BODY WILL DIE!!
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY.
MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE DEMON'S LAIR, AND SLAY THE DEMON KING!!

LOOKS LIKE, IT'S UNAVOIDABLE I MUST SETTLE THE SCORE WITH THE DEMON KING!!
I UNDER-STAND...
AH YES, THE CLAWS OF A FALLEN LEADER...
OUR SITUATION IS DIRE; WE HAVE FORCES IN NEED OF A STRONG LEADER! ONLY THEN CAN WE DEFEAT THEM ONCE AND FOR ALL!
KOTARO ...
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
OUR SPIRIT WILL FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOU!!

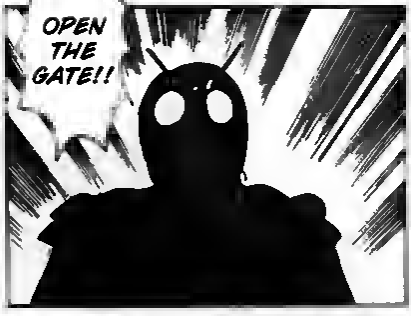
TO THE DARK REALM !!

WHO'S THERE?
EH?
YOUR MAJESTY ?!
MY, APOLO-GIES...
YOU STARTLED ME!!
IDIOT!

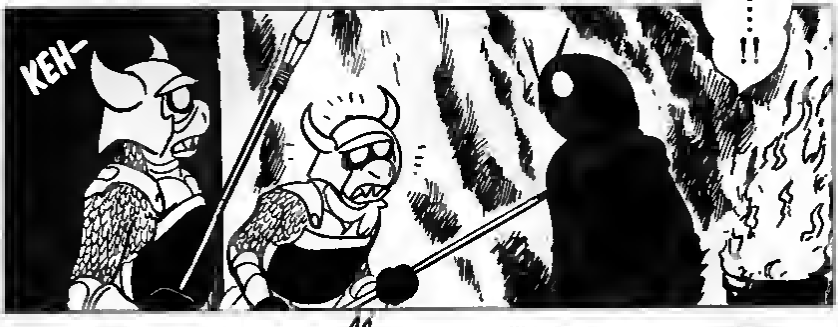
.....
JUST AS I THOUGHT, THESE FOOLS-
REALLY THINKS I'M THE DEMON KING.
BUT... WHERE COULD THE REAL ONE BE?

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
MA...
YOUR MAJESTY!
...SABER-TOOTH HOUND?!
HAH!
I'VE FORGOTTEN DOGS CAN CATCH MY SCENT...
I CAN FEEL IT!!
...I CAN SENSE HIM—HE'S NEARBY!!

AH!
EH?


OPEN THE GATE!!

THERE! THAT'S THE DEMON KING'S ROOM!!


KEH-
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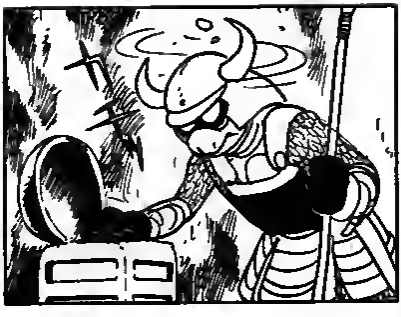

THIS IS THE DEMON KING'S ...?!
SHOW YOUR-SELF?!

I'M RIGHT HERE!!
TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH!
I PURPOSELY TRANSMITTED A SIGNAL
SO THAT YOU COULD SENSE ME...
AND LED YOU HERE TO ME...!!
.....
...ALRIGHT THEN! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

YOU'RE NOBUHIKO, RIGHT?
NOBUHIKO ...?
WHAT...? WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK, I WOULDN'T KNOW.
NOBU-HIKO?
I DON'T KNOW THIS PERSON!
...IF I'M REALLY THIS NOBUHIKO YOU SPEAK OF, THEN WHAT WILL YOU DO?!
HE'S MY BROTHER AND MY BEST FRIEND!
NOBU-HIKO HE...
BUT...
IF YOU'RE REALLY NOBUHIKO THEN...
I HAVE TO KILL YOU!!
KILL ME?
HAHA HAHA HAH
BY YOUR-SELF ...?

BECAUSE YOU ARE ME!
IF YOU KILL ME, YOU'LL DIE TOO!!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN KILL ME! I COULD THINK OF MANY REASONS! BUT MOST OF ALL...
YOU DREAM BIG!
WH,
WHAT ?!
AM I REPEATING MYSELF? WE ARE THE SAME.
THEN, YOU KNEW I WOULD COME HERE FROM THE FUTURE...?
WE HAVE A DIFFERENCE OF 30 YEARS ...!!
AND SEC-ONDLY ...
IN THESE 30 YEARS YOU WILL BE GIFTED WITH MORE POWERS THAN YOU COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINE!
LISTEN TO ME, KOTARO ...
THAT'S WHY, I KNOW YOU LIKE THE BACK OF MY BUG-LIKE HAND!!

FOR EXAMPLE! THIS!
AND THIS POWER!

AND...
THIS POW-EEER !!!!! !!!!

THEY'RE ...
ARE JUST A CHILD'S ILLUSION!
GRAAAAAW!
THESE THINGS-
USELESS AGAINST ME!
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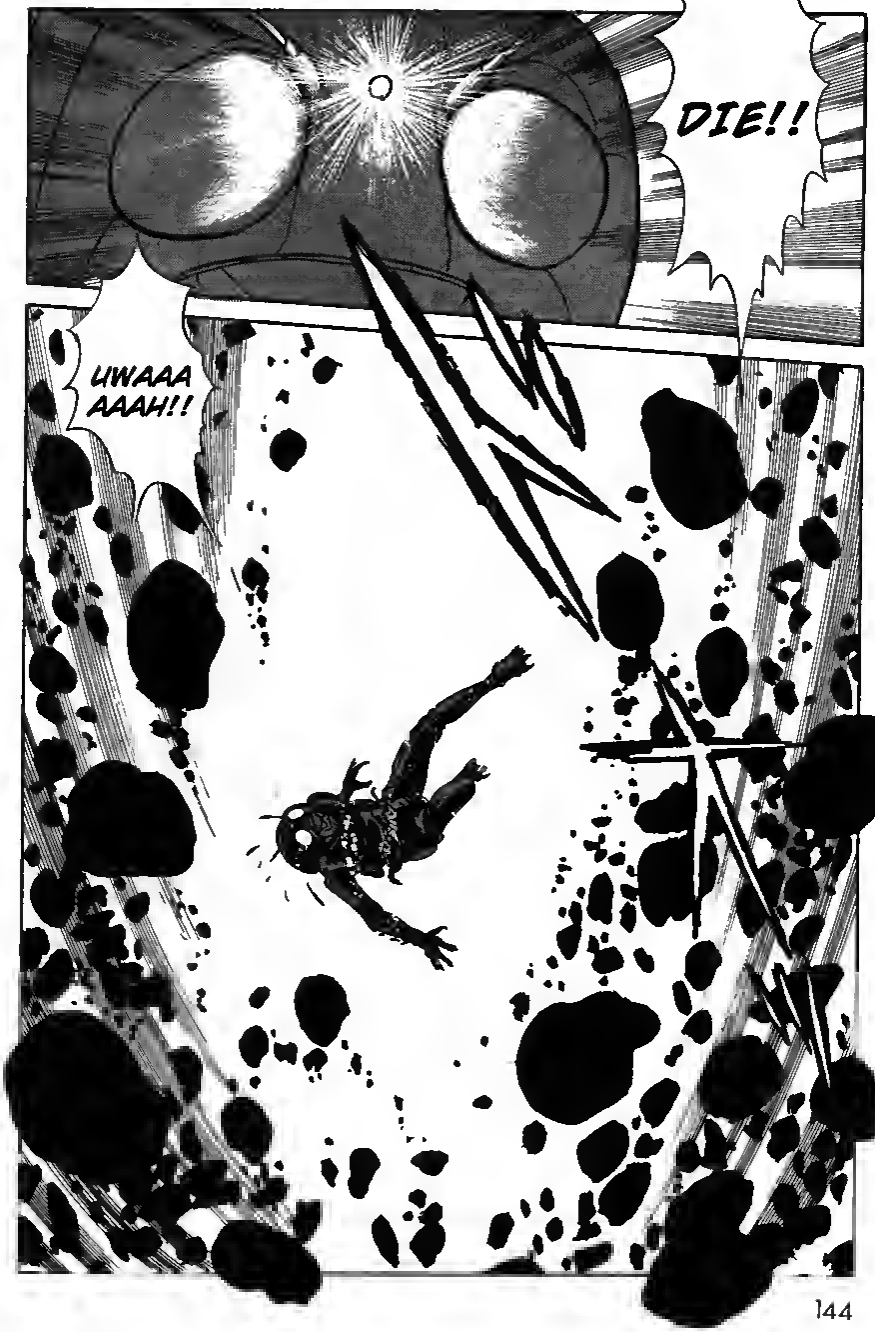
HAHAHA!
BECAUSE IF YOU KILL ME, IT WOULD ERASE YOUR EXISTENCE!
THEN YOU CAN'T KILL ME EITHER!
MOREOVER ...IF WE'RE REALLY THE SAME PERSON, THEN...
WE END THIS NOW!
CUT THE CRAP! IT'S TIME...
COOL HEADED THINKER ...
AS EXPECTED OF THE YOUNG DEMON KING
HAHAHA!

WAIT!
LISTEN! KOTARO. THERE'S NO POINT FIGHTING!
THE WORLD'S ALREADY CHANGED... THIS IS A WHOLE NEW WORLD!
THESE FOOLISH HUMANS DESTROYED THEIR OWN FUTURE!
LISTEN TO ME, KOTARO ...
LET'S WORK TOGETHER...
WE'LL SCULPT A PERFECT UTOPIA, ISN'T THAT FOR THE BEST?
NO!!
I'M SIMPLY THE RULER OF THIS NEW WORLD ...
REMAKING A WHOLE NEW WORLD! WHAT HAVE I DONE WRONG?
THE TRUE DESTROYERS OF THIS WORLD IS YOU—
YOU DID THIS, GOL-GOM!!
THAT'S WHY I MUST DESTROY GOLGOM...
AND I MUST VANQUISH YOU, THE DEMON KING!!


DIE!!
UWAAA AAAH!!

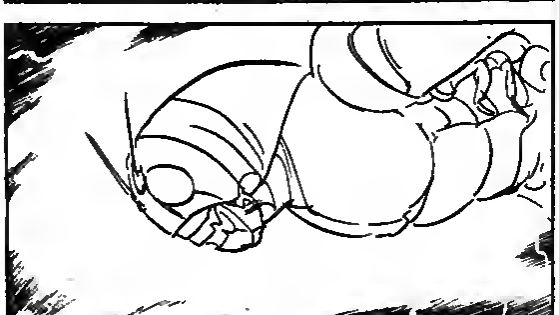
KO-
TARO
!!

EVEN IF I AM YOU...
EVEN IF YOU KILLED ME, I WILL NOT DISAPPEAR.
BECAUSE...I POSSESS ALL THE ENERGY OF THIS WORLD... I AM A TRULY ALL-POWERFUL DEMON KING!!

MY INFLUENCE HAS SPREAD TO EVERY CORNER OF THIS PLANET
LIKE BLOOD VESSELS, SPANNING ACROSS THE WORLD...
WHICH IS WHY, LET'S SAY I REALLY DIED...

I'M TAKING THIS WORLD TO HELL WITH ME!
NOW THEN, DO YOU STILL WANT TO FIGHT ME?
OF COU-RSE !!
THE WORLD YOU RULE IS LIKE...
HELL ON EARTH !!
IS MORE GRACEFUL THAN BEING CONTROLLED BY YOU!!
PERHAPS, MUTUAL DESTRUC-TION...

SO. IT APPEARS YOU'VE AWAKENED YOUR INNER POWER?!
EVEN IF WE BOTH POSSESS A TERRIBLE STRENGTH AND POWER, HOWEVER...
HEHEH...



MY POWERS HAVE MATURED WITH THE FLOW OF TIME, YOU CANNOT HOPE TO DEFEAT ME!!

THE AKIZUKI HOUSE...!
NNGH!
I'VE BEEN PULLED BACK TO THE PRESENT TIME!!

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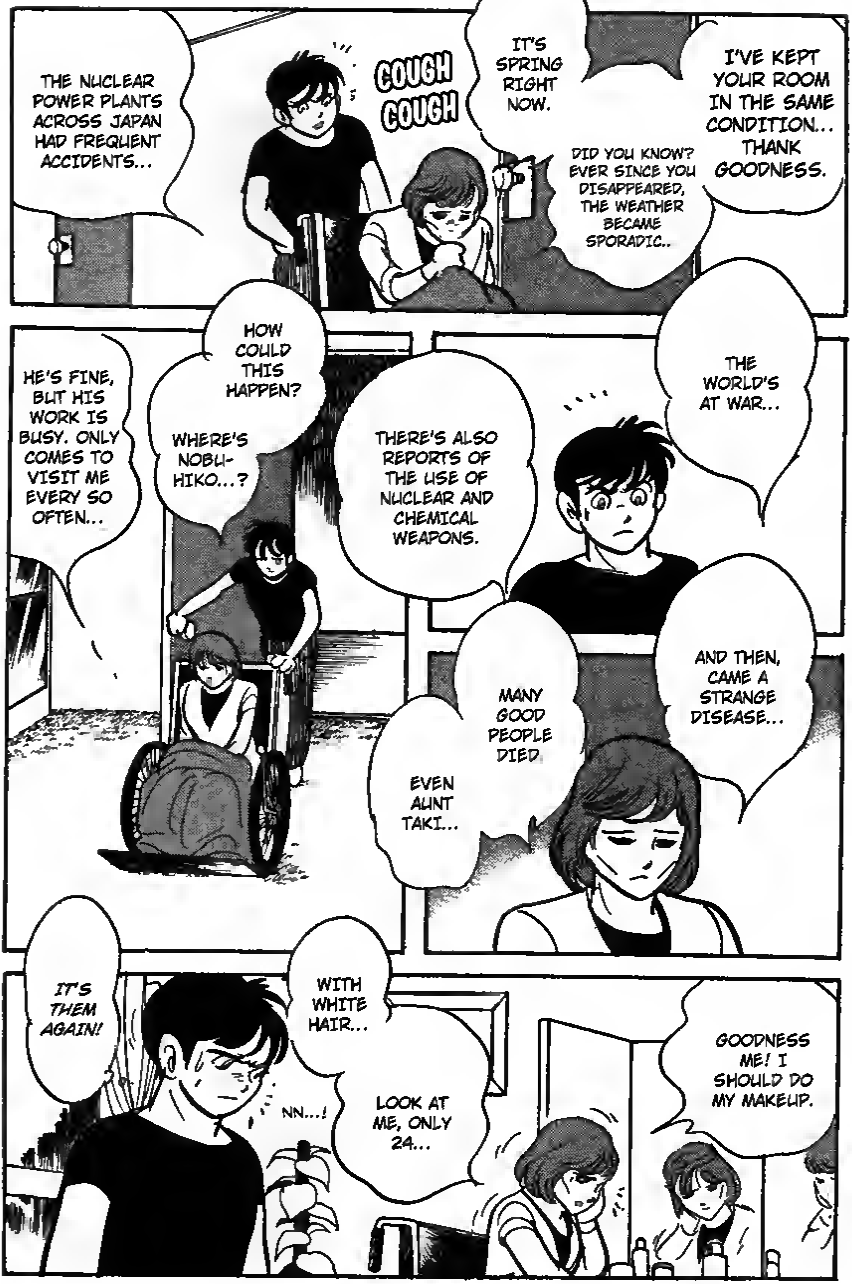
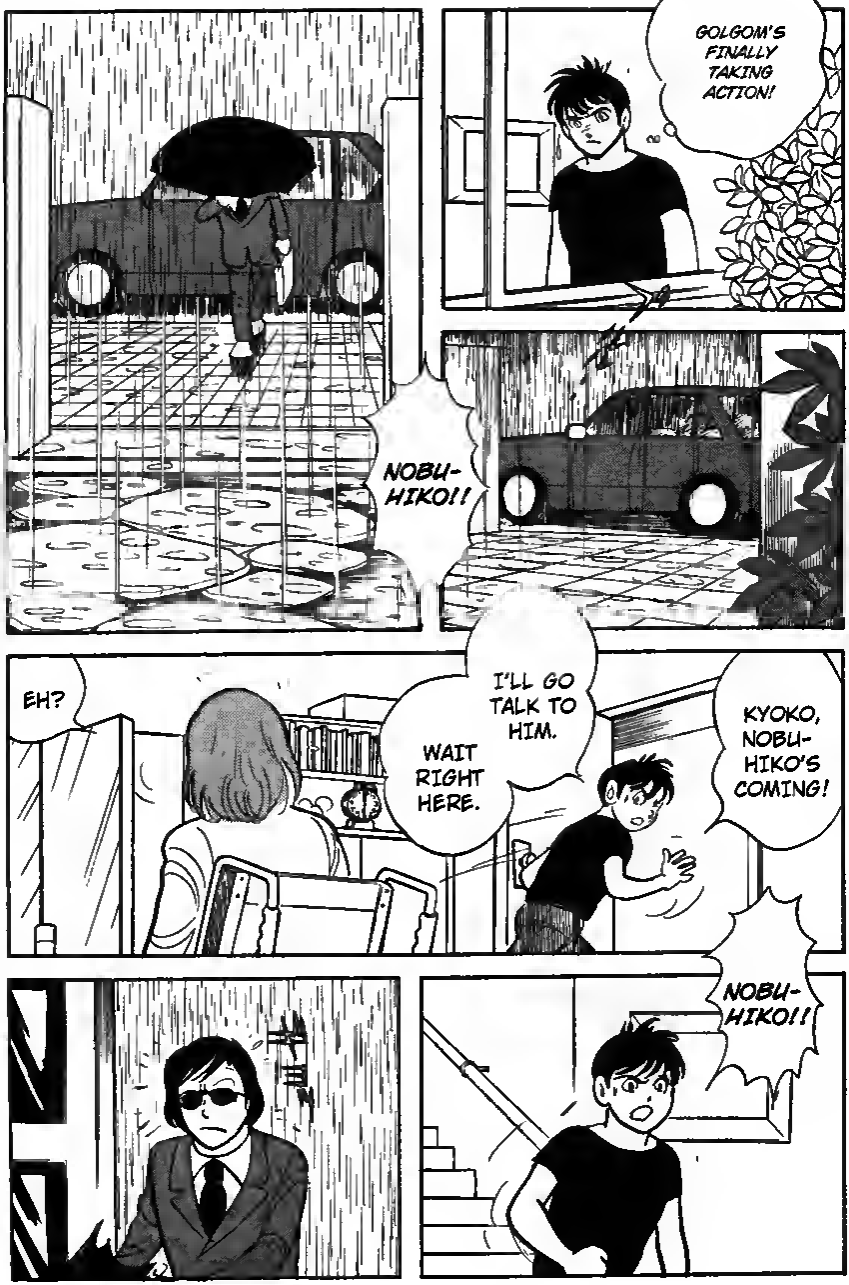
AUNT TAKI?!
KYOKO!
STRANGE, WHERE'S EVERYONE?
ARE YOU REALLY KOTARO ?!
KO... KOTARO ...?!

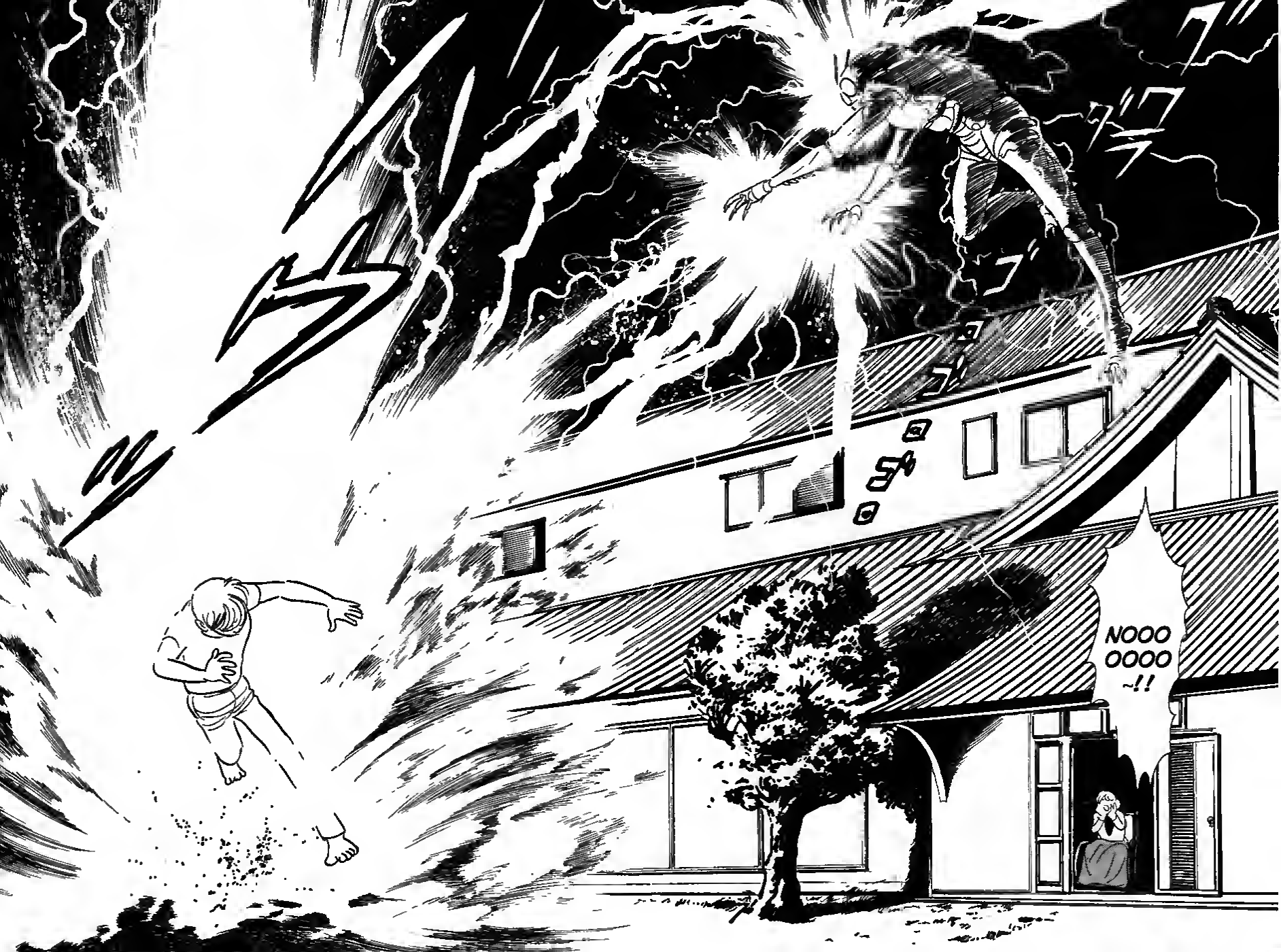
KOTARO!
KOTARO!
WH,
WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
YOU... YOU REALLY KYOKO ...?
KYOKO ?!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL THIS TIME?
WAHH!
KYOKO!
DID, DI YOU JUST SAY I WAS MISSING FOR SEVEN YEARS...?
WHAT YEAR IS IT?
I... 999...
COUGH COUGH
SEVEN YEARS?!
YOU WERE MISSING FOR SEVEN YEARS...
BUT, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAVEN'T AGED A BIT.
ARE YOU OKAY? KYOKO...
SICK?
I'VE BEEN SO FOR A LONG TIME...
COUGH
COUGH
SO COLD, TAKE ME BACK TO MY ROOM.
YOUR ROOM STAYED THE SAME.
YEARS AGO, I WAS TOLD YOU DIED IN ROMANIA, I NEVER BELIEVED IT, THAT'S WHY...


I'VE KEPT YOUR ROOM IN THE SAME CONDITION... THANK GOODNESS.
IT'S SPRING RIGHT NOW.
DID YOU KNOW? EVER SINCE YOU DISAPPEARED, THE WEATHER BECAME SPORADIC..
COUGH COUGH
THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS ACROSS JAPAN HAD FREQUENT ACCIDENTS...
THE WORLD'S AT WAR...
THERE'S ALSO REPORTS OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS.
AND THEN, CAME A STRANGE DISEASE...
MANY GOOD PEOPLE DIED
EVEN AUNT TAKI...
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?
WHERE'S NOBU-HIKO...?
HE'S FINE, BUT HIS WORK IS BUSY. ONLY COMES TO VISIT ME EVERY SO OFTEN...
GOODNESS ME! I SHOULD DO MY MAKEUP.
LOOK AT ME, ONLY 24...
WITH WHITE HAIR...
NN...!
IT'S THEM AGAIN!


GOLGOM'S FINALLY TAKING ACTION!
NOBU-HIKO!!
EH?
WAIT RIGHT HERE.
I'LL GO TALK TO HIM.
KYOKO, NOBU-HIKO'S COMING!
NOBU-HIKO!!

K-KOTARO, YOU'RE ALIVE?
KUKU
WHAT A SURPRISE!
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED ONE BIT...
NOBUHIKO!
WAIT!
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING?
NOBUHIKO!
WE'VE SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO TALK ABOUT!
KOTARO, I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.
AND LET ME TELL YOU, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU JUST TO SETTLE THIS.
HUH?

THAT'S RIGHT!
BECAUSE I WANT TO BECOME THE RULER OF THE FUTURE WORLD...
WE'RE FINISHING THIS TODAY, ONCE AND FOR ALL.
NOBU-HIKO!
WHAT, JUST AS I THOUGHT ...?!
OUR POWERS MUST MERGE AS ONE!!
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO DIE, SO I CAN ABSORB YOUR POWER...
KO-TARO!!
BROTHER NOBUHIKO ...?!
HAVE AT THEE!
WAIT!!
WAIT!!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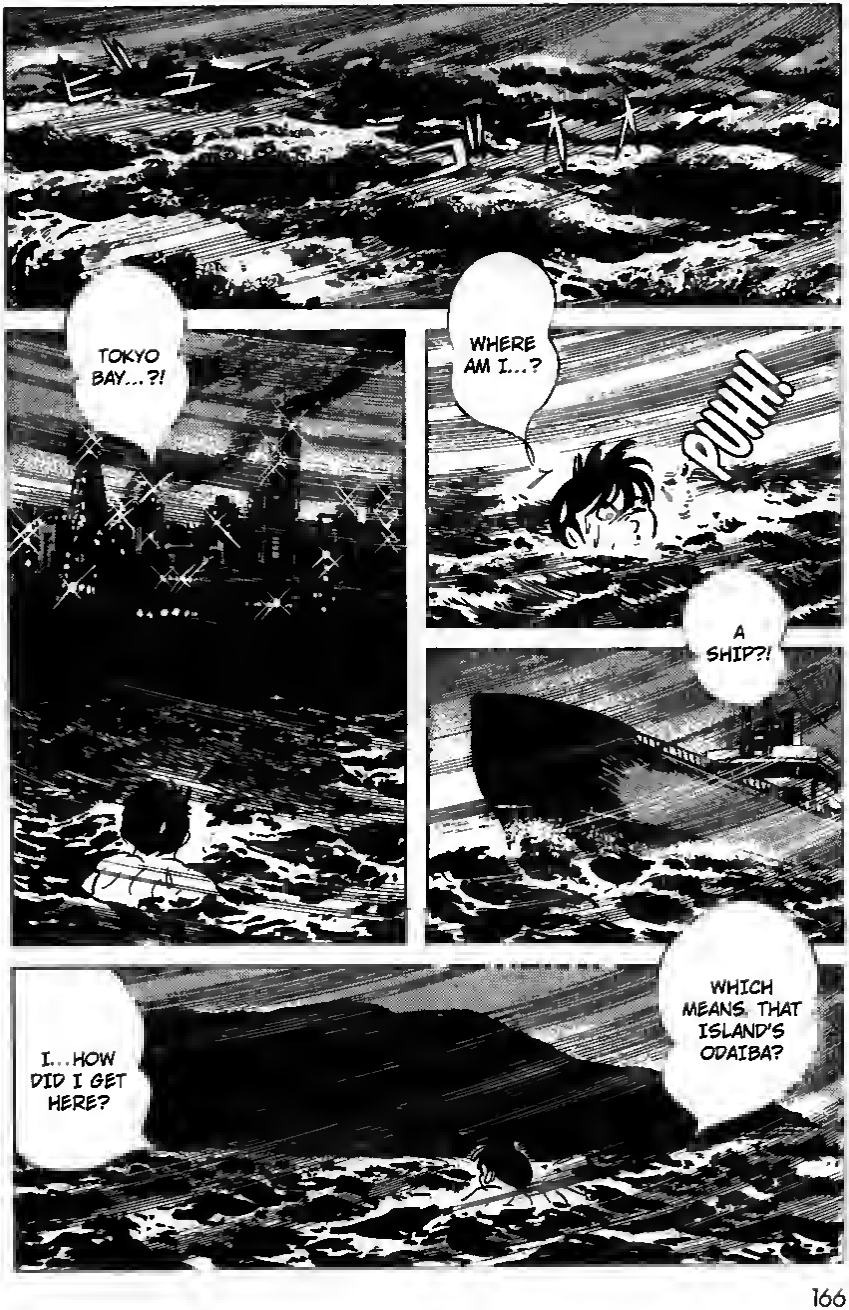
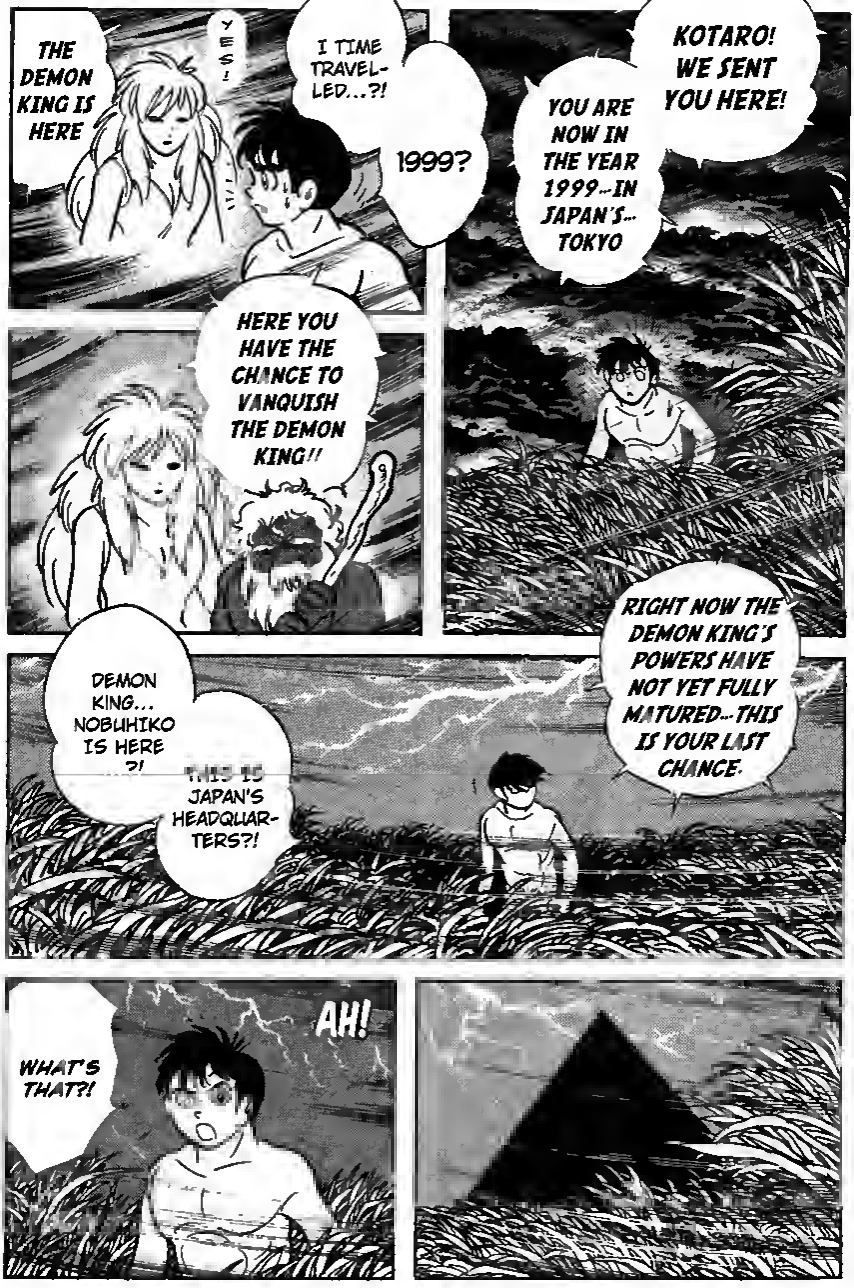
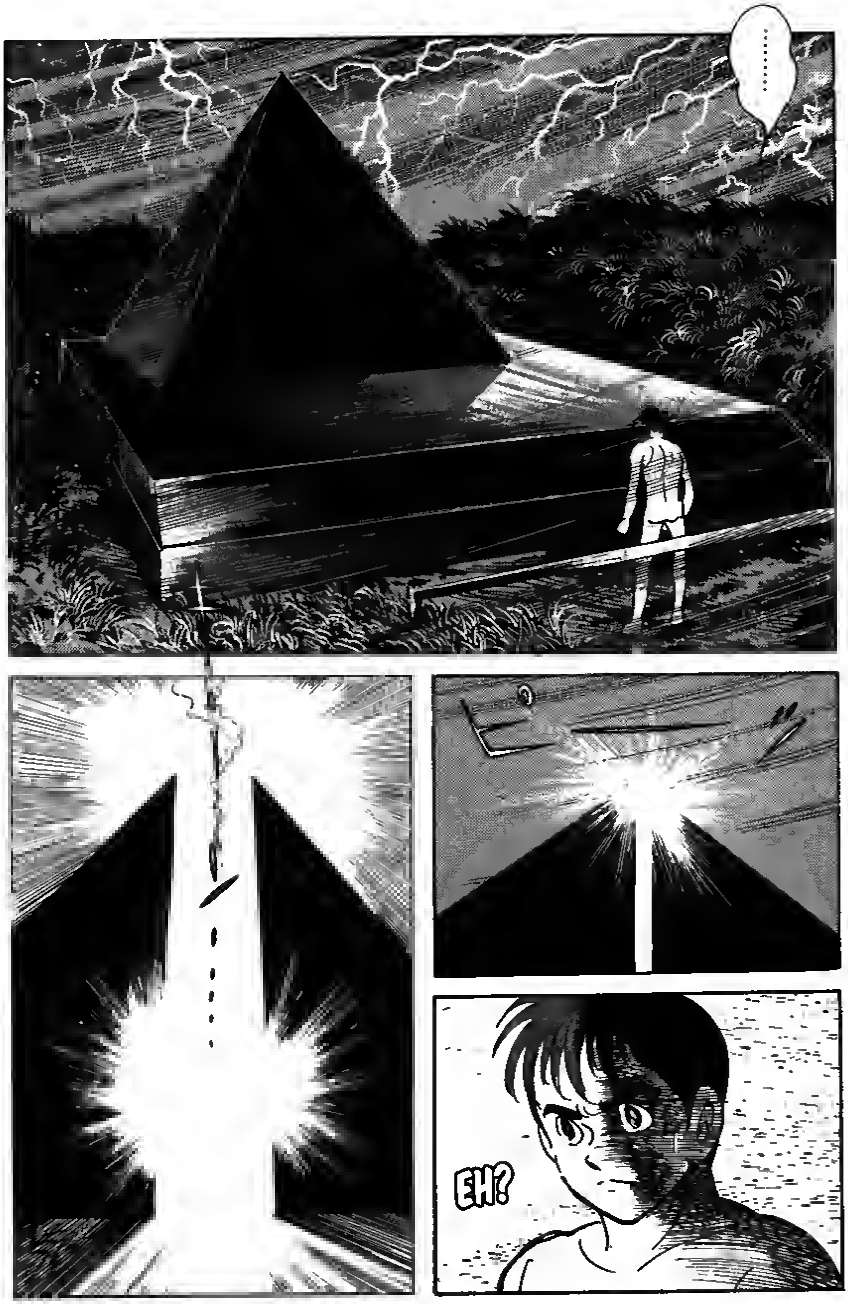
BROTHER NOBUHIKO?!


TOKYO BAY...?!
WHERE AM I...?
PUHH!
A SHIP?!
I...HOW DID I GET HERE?
WHICH MEANS, THAT ISLAND'S ODAIBA?


THE DEMON KING IS HERE
YES!
I TIME TRAVEL-LED...?!
1999?
KOTARO! WE SENT YOU HERE!
YOU ARE NOW IN THE YEAR 1999--IN JAPAN'S... TOKYO
HERE YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO VANQUISH THE DEMON KING!!
RIGHT NOW THE DEMON KING'S POWERS HAVE NOT YET FULLY MATURED--THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE.
DEMON KING... NOBUHIKO IS HERE ?!
THIS IS JAPAN'S HEADQUAR-TERS?!
AH!
WHAT'S THAT?!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EH?

KOTARO!
NOBU-HIKO...!
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE THIS TIME!!
THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE, KOTARO!!
NO MATTER WHAT! TODAY WE SHALL SETTLE THIS...
I THINK SO TOO!

NEGOTI-ATING?!
IT'S TOO LATE.
HEHEH
INSTEAD LET'S SETTLE THIS THROUGH NEGOTI-ATING!!
BUT I DON'T WISH TO USE FORCE!
NOT YET! NOBUHIKO, COME BACK TO YOUR SENSES!!
IF WE JOIN FORCES WE CAN DEFI-NITELY DEFEAT GOLGOM!
WHAT YOU HAVE CREATED WITH GOLGOM IS NOT A UTOPIA, BUT-HELL!!
I DON'T WANT US TO KILL EACH OTHER!
NOBUHIKO, OUR FRIENDSHIP IS STRONGER THAN EVEN TRUE BROTHERS!!
SO, YOU REALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT KYOKO?
GRRR!
YOU MAKE ME LAUGH! WE'RE THROUGH! YOU ARE MY TRUE NEMESIS!!
BAHAH
TRUE BROTH-ERS...?

KYOKO ...?
KYOKO'S ALREADY ...
DEAD!
HAHAHAH!
NOT JUST KYOKO,
ALMOST ALL OF HUMANITY IS DYING OFF...
NO! NOT JUST HUMANS! CITIES AND NATIONS HAVE BEGUN TO DISAP PEAR.
WHAA
AAT?!
HAVE YOU SEEN TOKYO?
IT'S BECOME A DESERTED WASTE-LAND!
ALL THANKS TO THE GREAT EARTHQUAKES GOLGOM GAVE US!
GRAAA!
ALL THE WORLD'S CITIES AND NATIONS...
HAVE REACHED THE BRINK OF EX-TINCTION BECAUSE OF WARS, DISEASE AND EVEN UNNATU-RAL OCCURRENCES INSTIGATED BY GOLGOM!

I WILL NEVER ALLOW YOU TO DO THIS!
NO! IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!
IT'S TOO LATE! KOTARO...
WE WILL REPLACE THESE FOOLISH AND USELESS MORTALS AND MANAGE THIS NEW WORLD!!
BUT SOON GOLGOM'S UTOPIA WILL RISE FROM THESE DECREPIT LANDS!

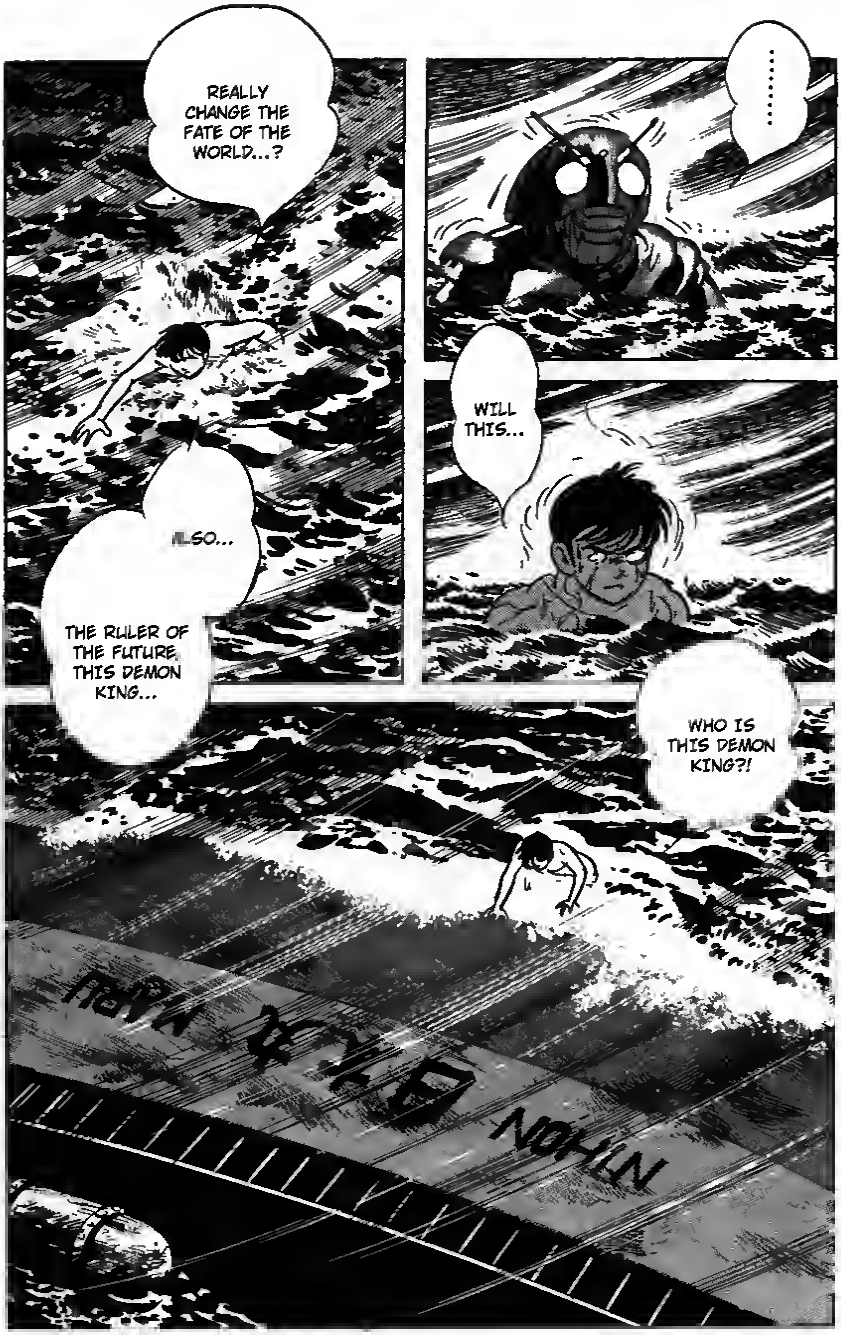
YOU AND ME, THIS IS OUR DESTINY!!
THIS IS HUMANITY'S ...THE WORLD'S...
BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.
ONCE YOU KILL ME...
YOU WILL BE THIS NEW WORLD'S MASTER!!

IF I DIE, THEN YOU WILL BE THE ONE...

AH
AH

ズオオオオオオ…

WHEN YOU DIE, I WILL BE THE KING! BUT IF I DIE...
AHHHHH!!
BUT IF I DIE, YOU WILL BE THE RULER OF THIS WORLD!
SAAAAA!


REALLY CHANGE THE FATE OF THE WORLD...?
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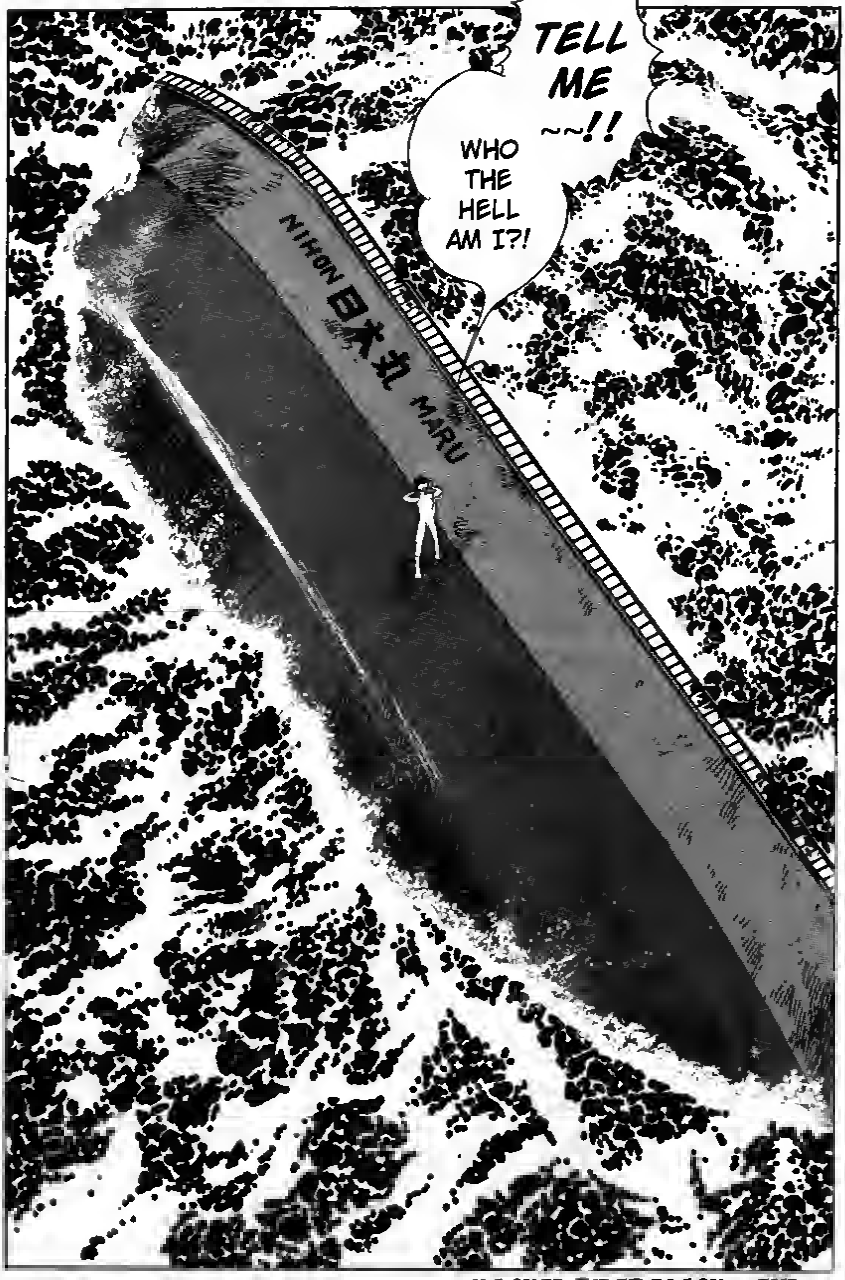
WILL THIS...
ALSO...
THE RULER OF THE FUTURE, THIS DEMON KING...
WHO IS THIS DEMON KING?!
NIHON CHUO MAIL



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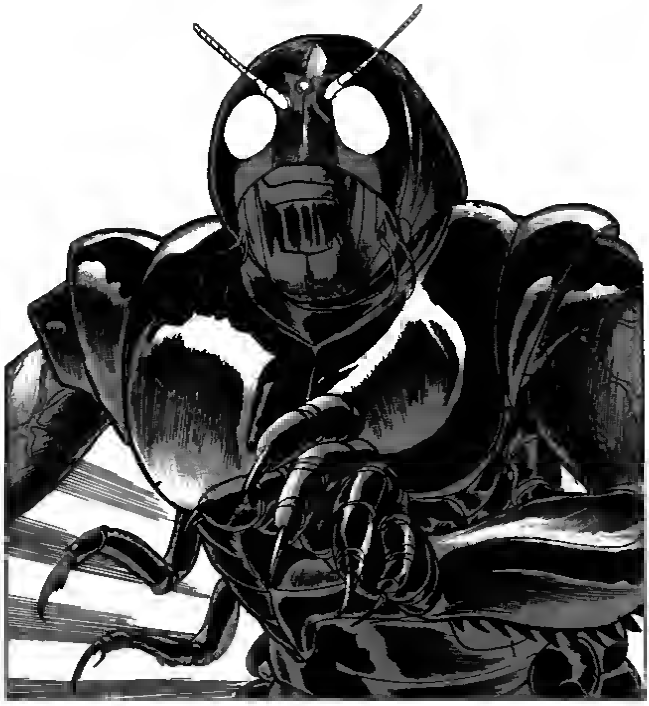

特別附錄

關於《假面黑騎士》的漫畫及其它

文字◆談　璞

蝗蟲能跳到自己身長數倍的高度、鐵甲蟲能拉動比自己重好幾倍的物體；擁有昆蟲般奇異力量的改造人，就是石森章太郎創造的不滅英雄——假面黑騎士！

八〇年代末期，隨著時光飛逝，人們已逐漸遺忘了這一群戴著昆蟲面具騎機車的人物，在《假面黑騎士超1號》的TV結束之後，特攝影集中也暫時見不到這群昆蟲家族的影子（註1）；但是，石森先生的新作《假面黑騎士》又將老特攝的記憶重新喚醒！而且，由漫畫改編的特攝TV劇集也再度創造了風潮！

當然，時代不斷進步，觀衆的程度也提升了，如今是不可能有人相信「變身時擺POSE要帥是為了發動改造人體內變身零件的開關…」之類的說詞，也不會單純的認為把人體內換裝成一堆機械就能使人變成超人，更不可能接受「騎機車時吹在身上的風能發動颱風腰帶，供給假面黑騎士變身的能源…！」這種解說！因此，新一代的假面黑騎士又將如何詮釋這些構想呢？

首先，「假面黑騎士的動力來源就是…『風』！」但，「風」又是什麼？「風」就是空氣的流動，中國古代的學者也認為「沒有空氣的流動，不能呼吸，就無法生存！」故曰：「萬物因風而生，因風而長。」所以，「風」不單指單純的空氣分子運動，而可以聯想到推動萬物的生機，也就是中國傳統醫學

所謂的「氣」！

那麼，「氣」可以用來當做假面黑騎士的能源嗎？可以解釋所謂的「變身」嗎？生物的外型、先天能力等等，老早在其細胞內的遺傳訊息中就決定了，而遺傳訊息就記載於細胞中ＤＮＡ的排列方式上；如果不改寫生物的遺傳訊息而僅從外在巨觀的層面上予以改造，那也無法更改此生物的本質（例如變性人即使經過整形手術，依然不具生殖能力。）

那，ＤＮＡ的遺傳訊息是可以改寫的嗎？即使今天最先進的生命科學，也無法輕易地改造高等生物的遺傳基因吧！？然而科學的力量畢竟是有限的，太多事情只能用「超出科學能力所能解釋的範圍之外」形容，而無法說它是「不科學」或「不存在」的。如果能自在地操縱著「氣」，連ＤＮＡ的排列都能自由的改變，那麼不只是外在的形貌，連細胞最基本的性質都能變化的「變身」，也絕非不可能的事（不過那樣的變化需要多少時間來完成則另當別論）。在現實中，從數億年前的原生物變成魚類、爬蟲、哺乳類乃至於今天的人類，不就是這樣嗎？

「進化」！

對！《假面黑騎士Ｖ》的變身就是「進化」！故事中，主角南光太郎為了學習「氣」的用法，還曾經向中國的仙人請教過「化術」。現在想來，古時道家修練的變幻自在的仙術，就是「變身」的基本概念吧！

南光太郎被改造成假面黑騎士，並不是身上被加裝了什麼機械裝置，也不是移植了什麼野獸的器官在他體內，而可以視為是他身體中的某個「開關」被「打開」了，使得他能變身的力量「覺醒」：覺醒？沒錯，人類是從魚類，兩棲類、爬蟲類乃至哺乳類進化而來，然而這些古老祖先的遺傳因子並不會因為進化而從細胞中被剔除，只是被壓封遺忘而不使用而已！（據胚胎學的說法，人類在胎兒時期也有過魚類、兩棲類及爬蟲類的外形，因為在那段時期中，有某一部份的遺傳基因仍在運作著……）所以，南光太郎可說是「覺醒」了變身的力量！喚醒了潛伏在體內的古老遺傳基因之記憶！這就是變身為假面黑騎士的力量！

如果說，萬物都只是巨大生命網路的末稍小小端點，除非意識到自己只是這巨大分枝的一小部份，才能與這株大樹的本體連結上……這個萬物生命匯集的洪流本體，應該就是「神」吧……當南光太郎覺醒到可以變身成假面黑騎士的力量時，他已經從樹稍的末端體認到自己位在一個小小的枝節上，等他體會到自己是這整個宇宙樹的一部份時，或許就可以說是「羽化」或「得道升天」了吧（就像《攻殼機動隊》中，傀儡師對素子說的：「我現在……被巨大的網路連接上了……」一般）……

不幸的是，南光太郎並沒有這個機會。他面臨的是一個已知的未來，一個即將產生恐怖大魔王的命運。而他所要做的是打破這註定的命運，改變這個命運。在南光太郎面前的敵人則是秋月信彥—另一個世紀末王者的繼承人（註2）！

激鬥之下，秋月信彥被打倒了，但是，未來仍舊沒有改變！秋月信彥死前的預言使得這惡夢永遠醒不了：

「如果我打敗了你，那麼那個未來的魔王就是『我』！但是，若是你打敗了我，那個未來的魔王就是—『你』！」

這是個殊途同歸的時間機率線，不論南光太郎是如何的努力，或者灰心放棄，未來都是一樣的！他雖努力地想逃離這個結局，卻只是把自己帶進一個完全一樣的結果……

漫畫版的《假面黑騎士》與特攝版的「勇者的奮戰終於消滅了魔王」是完全不一樣的，反而可說是「因為勇者的努力不懈，終於產生了魔王！」。因為這世上若沒有「魔王」，又何來的「勇者」？聖人不死，大盜不止……

註1：在《假面黑騎士超1號》TV版結束之後，雖然也有《假面黑騎士ZX》的出現，但那是僅有一集的特別節目。因此若要眞的說到再度掀起假面黑騎士TV系列熱潮的，還是以本作《假面黑騎士》爲準。

註2：這一點，原作漫畫與特攝有極大的差別，特攝版的秋月信彥是被改造成全身銀白色的「影月」，與全身漆黑的「黑日」形成強烈對比。但漫畫版中，秋月信彥的變身形態與南光太郎是完成相同的！因此未來的魔王可能是他們兩人中的任何一個……

假面黑騎士6

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